

Energized to Share the Gospel

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Joshua 10:1-28

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I. God is sovereign & powerful

- a) Be energized to action of sharing the Gospel because God fights for you
 - God calls us to fight boldly and not be afraid 8,25
 - God will battle and do the miracle of conversion or allowing His Word to go forth
- b) Be energized to action of sharing the Gospel because election exists
 - hostile kings banding together seemed bad, but God delivered 10
 - God's people did hard work of all night march, God fought 10
 - As God leads we need to be faithful with Sword 19
- c) Because of God's election, we can share boldly knowing God will have victory
 - Share boldly, don't get discouraged: God will have victory:
 - NOW - we see conversion Act 13:48
 - Future - rejection, Spirit works, conversion later 1 Cor 3:6
 - Judgment - all will confess – Phil 2:10 for God's glory
 - Jesus always wins v42 - the Lord God fought... In 6:37-39

II. God's Word(law) is the foundation for our Battle

- Word was given to people: Deut 1:1. Word to us: Rom 10:17
- a) When we face spiritual battles we need God's help
 - Israel trusted God: defended Gibeonites (honored word) & was given tremendous victory over many enemies
 - We must remember to not fear 8, 25 but remember Gospel
 - Allow the POWER of the Gospel (Christ's completed work) to encourage & motivate your daily PURPOSE of the Gospel (living for Jesus each day).
 - b) Live Life as God's Holy & Redeemed people
 - Warfare seems brutal, but remember God is holy. Gives us guide for warfare Dt 20:10-12, 17-18. All of creation by God for God!
 - God calls us to battle using His commands (law).
 - Christ fulfilled law for us. 2 Cor 5:21
 - Law is not dead: 3 uses of the law for believers (God's people):
1) pedagogical 2) civil and 3) moral
 - c) We are to live with Gospel Intentionality in our lives & warfare
 - Live honestly before the world – we're not perfect, Christ is
 - Live honestly as a Gospel family – Church is place for sinners to be strengthened in Christ's power: "I need prayer because I struggle..."
 - Remember the enemy is strong, but God fights for us and has conquered.
 - Rejoice in Christ's leading and victory in your life and church!

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