

## EMBRACING CHANGE

"Back on Track"

Joshua 10

### 1. Review

#### a) Reasons for Bad Choices

##### 1) We Don't Employ Godly Wisdom

a) Vs 1-8

##### 2) We Don't Employ Discernment

a) Vs 9-10

##### 3) We Don't Engage In Prayer

a) 11-14

2. **REMEMBER:** Joshua wasn't rebellious or wicked....He was prayerless.

### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'VE MADE A BAD DECISION

#### I. USE GODLY WISDOM IN THE MIDST OF YOUR BAD DECISION

1. **VERY IMPORTANT:** You don't have to continue making dumb decisions after you've made a dumb decision.

2. Vs 14-15

3. Vs 16-21

4. Vs 22-27

#### 5. NOTICE THE IMPACT:

a) Gibeon is about 9-10 miles NW of Jerusalem.

b) Gibeon is the city of the Gibeonites and now becomes a Levitical City, and many of the Priests of Israel lived there.

c) King David then sets up the tabernacle in Gibeon.

d) One of King David's mighty men of valor was a Gibeonite.

e) 1 Kings 3:5; 9:2

f) 2 Chronicles 1:3, 13

#### 6. *Nehemiah 3:7*

a) The son of Gibeon helped to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day.

#### 7. *2 Samuel 21:1-3*

8. The point here is to honor the bad decisions we have made and look for Godly solutions.

## II. GOD WILL NEVER BE AT A LOSS BECAUSE OF YOUR BAD DECISIONS

1. Your bad decisions do not tie the hands of God.

2. **KEY:** Our bad decisions do not thwart the plans of God.

3. **Chapter 10** Now notice what God does on their behalf.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Everything in Chapter 10 could have been avoided if they would have been obedient.

- a) No Wisdom
- b) No Discernment
- c) No Prayer

5. **Vs 1-2**

6. **Vs 3-5**

7. **Vs 5-6**

- a) What would your response be here? (I finally got my chance)

8. **Vs 7-11**

- a) Joshua honors his covenant!!

## III. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU MAKE A BAD DECISION (Three things)

### A. TRUST THE PROMISE OF GOD

1. **Vs 8**

- a) *"Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands."*

- b) *"Not a man of them shall stand before you."*

2. **1 John 1:9**

### B. ACT ON GOD'S PLAN

1. **Vs 9**

2. Vs 10 (Notice 4 verbs and Notice God is the subject of the verbs)

a) "And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel"

b) "who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon"

c) "and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon"

d) "and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah."

3. Romans 11:29

4. Vs 11

A. WE ARE TO ONCE AGAIN TRUST THE PROMISES OF GOD

B. WE ARE TO ACT ON GOD'S PLAN TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT

C. WE ARE TO GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD IN PRAYER

1. Vs 12-13

2. So what really happened? Only God knows!!!

a) Did the sun actually stop spinning?

b) Did God merely reflect the sun's rays?

c) Was it artificial light?

3. NOTICE: Vs 14; 16-21; 22-25