

**EMBRACING CHANGE**  
"Winning Against Overwhelming Odds"  
**Joshua 11 (part 2)**

**INTRODUCTION:** (5 Principles of Winning Spiritual Victory)

**I. First - You Need the Stability of a Home Base**

**1. Joshua 5:9**

a) "*Gilgal*" - means to "roll back"

1) It was a reminder to the nation of Israel that God has "rolled back" their **reproach**.

2) "**Reproach**" - refers to there being slaves. Their identity. The embarrassment of slavery.

**II. Secondly - You Need the Strength of Encouragement**

**1. Joshua 10:25**

a) Cf. 1:5-7

2. "*Because the greater the Spiritual Opportunity the greater the Satanic Opposition.*"

**3. Nehemiah 8:10**

**4. Now notice: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

a) **Question:** Who are you running against? Who are you fighting?

**5. Romans 7:18-20**

**6. Matthew 26:41**

**7. Know this...**we are in a battle against our flesh.

**8. The Holy Spirit will not force you to yield control over your life.**

a) The Holy Spirit will speak to you!

b) The Holy Spirit will convict you!

c) The Holy Spirit will chastise you!

d) BUT...The Holy Spirit will NOT snatch control of your life from your hands.

9. YOU are sovereign over decisions and choices in your life.

10. THAT'S WHY:

a) WE NEED THE STABILITY OF A HOME BASE

b) AND THE STRENGTH OF ENCOURAGEMENT

### NOW FOR THE LAST THREE PRINCIPLES TO WINNING SPIRITUAL VICTORIES

#### III. YOU NEED THE STANDARD OF OBEDIENCE

1. Look @ *Exodus 17:9*

a) "So Joshua did as Moses told him..."

2. What is the "1 Word" people would say describes you? \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Christian life can be summed up in one word: ***Obedience!!!***

4. **Joshua 11.**

a) Vs 6

1) Really????

2) And God's answer is???? NO

3) *Isaiah 31:1*

4) *Psalms 20:7*

5) Why in the world would God say NO?

6) **BECAUSE** He wants us to be totally dependent on HIM!!!

7) It is so easy for Christians to depend on the World and the World's strength.

b) **Joshua 11:12-15**

#### IV. YOU NEED THE STEADFASTNESS OF PERSISTENCE

1. **Chapters 10 and 11** are all the battles that Joshua fought.

2. There were 31 battles fought over these 7 years but it took Persistence to complete the job.

3. **Joshua 18:3** What????

4. **Judges 1:19**

a) Well the enemy always had iron chariots...why's it a problem now?

b) That's why God wanted total destruction of the Canaanites.

5. **Judges 1:21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31-32, 33, 34**

a) If Israel was so strong why didn't they drive the Canaanites out? Disobedience.

6. **Judges 2:1-2**

a) Vs 3-4

7. **Judges 2:7-10**

8. **Joshua 10:16-19; 22-25**

a) No unfinished business.

b) But later on, there would be....

9. What prisoners are you keeping? What unfinished business do you have?

## V. YOU NEED THE SENSIBILITY OF KNOWING YOUR NEEDS

1. **Joshua 11:4**

2. *What did Joshua see?*

a) A huge army!!!

b) An impossible task!!!

3. **Joshua 11:21**

a) Anakim? Giants!!!

4. **Joshua 11:6a**

5. **Deut 20:1 - WOW!!!!**

6. Your Spiritual Battle is won or lost before you enter the battle.