

How to Win Spiritual Battles

Joshua 10:15-11:15

I. **Be courageous based on God's promise:** The Central Campaign: (Joshua 10:15-27)

- *Be strong and courageous; this is what the Lord will do...*(10:25)

(Ephesians 6:10-11) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. {11} Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

II. **Depend on God's power:** The Southern Campaign: (Joshua 10:28-43)

- *The Lord the God of Israel fought for Israel* (10:42)

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."

(Hebrews 4:15-16) "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. {16} Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (also Galatians 5:16 – the Holy Spirit)

III. **Finish every step of obedience:** The Northern Campaign: (Joshua 11:1-15)

- *Joshua did it; he left nothing undone* (11:15).

(Joshua 1:7-8) "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. {8} Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

The Process of Sin (Joshua 7)

Steps of Sin	<u>Noticing Sin</u> <i>(temptation)</i>	<u>Wanting Sin</u>	<u>Choosing Sin</u>	<u>Hiding Sin</u>	<u>Paying Sin's Price</u>
Achan (Joshua 7)	He saw	He coveted	He took	He hid	He died
Eve/ Adam (Genesis 3)	She saw the fruit	Good... pleasing... desirable	She took, ate... He ate	Hid from God,made coverings	<i>You will surely die...</i>
David (2 Sam. 11)	He saw woman bathing	...Very beautiful, Inquired...	Sent to get her; Slept with her	Sent Uriah home	Child, 2 more sons, Uriah, died
James (James 1:13-15)	Tempted	Dragged away by own desire	Desire gives birth to sin	<i>Full-grown</i> (Sin hidden, found out)	Sin gives birth to death