

AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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Topic: Trusting God for the Impossible

Opening Prayer:

Psalm 62:5-6: "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

Heavenly Father, as we turn to Your Word, calm our hearts and minds. Help us to place our hope and trust in You alone. Be our rock, our salvation, and our fortress. Guide us as we seek to trust You more deeply in every area of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Read: Joshua 10:1-15

What does it mean to trust God for the impossible? The story of Joshua in Joshua 10 offers a profound example of what it looks like to place complete trust in God's power, even when faced with overwhelming odds.

In this passage, the Israelites find themselves in a dire situation. The Gibeonites, who had recently made a treaty with Israel, were under siege by a coalition of five Amorite kings. Joshua, bound by his covenant with the Gibeonites, led the Israelite army on an all-night march to aid them. As they arrived, God reassured Joshua with these words: "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands" (Joshua 10:8).

Joshua's response was one of absolute trust. He didn't merely ask for help in battle—he asked for the impossible. "Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon" (Joshua 10:12). This was a bold, audacious prayer, asking God to alter the very laws of nature. And God answered. The sun stopped, and the moon stayed in place until the nation had avenged itself on its enemies.

The word used for "stand still" in Hebrew, *dom* (דָּמָה), implies a state of silence or stopping. Joshua wasn't just asking for more daylight—he was trusting God to suspend

the natural order. This act of trust was rooted in the certainty that God, who created the universe, had control over every aspect of it.

Trusting God for the impossible means stepping out in faith, even when the outcome seems uncertain or beyond our control. It requires us to believe that God's power is not limited by human understanding or natural laws. Joshua's prayer was not just a request for help; it was a declaration of faith in the God who controls the cosmos.

In our own lives, we often face situations that seem impossible—a health crisis, a broken relationship, a financial struggle. These moments challenge our faith and our willingness to trust God beyond what we can see or understand. But Joshua's story reminds us that God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Our role is to trust Him, even when the path ahead is unclear.

God's faithfulness to Joshua and the Israelites is a testament to His unchanging nature. He is the same God today who hears our prayers and acts on our behalf. When we place our trust in Him, we open the door for the impossible to become possible.

Conclusion:

Joshua 10 teaches us that trusting God for the impossible requires bold faith and unwavering belief in His power. When we face challenges that seem insurmountable, we can take comfort in knowing that the same God who made the sun stand still is with us. He invites us to trust Him fully and to bring our boldest prayers before His throne.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

1. How does Joshua's prayer challenge your understanding of what is possible with God?
2. What area of your life needs a bold prayer?

For Parents:

1. How can you encourage your family to trust God in difficult situations?
2. What impossible prayers can you start praying together?

For Professionals:

1. In what areas of your work life are you struggling to trust God?
2. How can you demonstrate faith in God's power in your workplace?

This week, identify one "impossible" situation in your life. Write down a bold prayer to God, asking for His intervention. Trust that God is able to work in ways beyond your understanding, and commit to praying for this daily.