

# Joshua & Peter: The Sufficiency of God

## Lesson 12: An All-Sufficient Warrior

**Key Verse:** There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel. ~Joshua 10.14

Intrigue, blood, war, and annihilation make this lesson's chapters an epic "guy movie"! However, God's love displayed as **Conqueror** over His people's enemies drives a moving "chick-flick" plotline, too. As His **Judgment** is completed through the obedience of Joshua, we marvel as God provides His people a superior ending: rest. Yet most marvelous of all is that the ending foreshadows what is to come in the final consummation. While rest has been given to His people today through the work of Christ on the cross ("It is finished"~John 19.20), His people live in His rest today through the indwelling Holy Spirit! *Merciful God, we praise You as Conqueror over our sins. Our hearts bow before You in awe that we do not live in fear of Your Judgment. Use this lesson to sanctify us in the truth of living in Your rest. Amen*

**Joshua 9:** As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this<sup>1</sup>, **2** they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.**3** But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, **4** they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, **5** with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly.

**6** And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us." **7** But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?" **8** They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?" **9** They said to him, "From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, **10** and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth. **11** So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us."' **12** Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. **13** These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey."

**14** So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD. **15** And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.**16** At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. **17** And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. **18** But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. **19** But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. **20** This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them." **21** And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

**22** Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, "Why did you deceive us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you dwell among us? **23** Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God." **24** They answered Joshua, "Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives

<sup>1</sup>The "this" referred to is what happened at Jericho as well as the tumultuous battle that eventually resulted in the destruction of Ai (chapters 6-8, lesson 9)

because of you and did this thing. **25** And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it.” **26** So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them. **27** But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place that he should choose<sup>2</sup>.

**CH 10** As soon as Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard how Joshua had captured Ai and had devoted it to destruction, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, **2** he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were warriors.

**3** So Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham king of Hebron, to Piram king of Jarmuth, to Japhia king of Lachish, and to Debir king of Eglon, saying, **4** “Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the people of Israel.” **5** Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it. **6** And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, “Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us.” **7** So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. **8** And the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.” **9** So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal.

**10** And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. **11** And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword. **12** At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” **13** And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar<sup>3</sup>? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day. **14** There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel.

**15** So Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. **16** These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. **17** And it was told to Joshua, “The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.” **18** And Joshua said, “Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave and set men by it to guard them, **19** but do not stay there yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand.” **20** When Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a great blow until they were wiped out, and when the remnant that remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, **21** then all the people returned safe to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. Not a man moved his tongue against any of the people of Israel. **22** Then Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave.” **23** And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.

**24** And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, “Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings.” Then they came near and put their feet on their necks. **25** And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.” **26** And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. **27** But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

<sup>2</sup> The Gibeonites land allotment is provided through the line of Aaron. King David placed his tabernacle in their city, Gibeon. Gibeonites fought alongside David, were among the men that rebuilt Jerusalem's wall (Nehemiah) and are included in the Jewish genealogy from Babylonian captivity.

<sup>3</sup> This book is also referenced in 2 Samuel 1.18 and referred to in 2 Timothy 3.8. Broadly, it is a non-canonical book used to clarify historical accounts.

**28** As for Makkedah, Joshua captured it on that day and struck it, and its king, with the edge of the sword. He devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho. **29** Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Makkedah to Libnah and fought against Libnah. **30** And the LORD gave it also and its king into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it; he left none remaining in it. And he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho. **31** Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Libnah to Lachish and laid siege to it and fought against it. **32** And the LORD gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he captured it on the second day and struck it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it, as he had done to Libnah. **33** Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people, until he left none remaining. **34** Then Joshua and all Israel with him passed on from Lachish to Eglon. And they laid siege to it and fought against it. **35** And they captured it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword. And he devoted every person in it to destruction that day, as he had done to Lachish. **36** Then Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it **37** and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its king and its towns, and every person in it. He left none remaining, as he had done to Eglon, and devoted it to destruction and every person in it. **38** Then Joshua and all Israel with him turned back to Debir and fought against it **39** and he captured it with its king and all its towns. And they struck them with the edge of the sword and devoted to destruction every person in it; he left none remaining. Just as he had done to Hebron and to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and to its king.

**40** So Joshua struck the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, just as the LORD God of Israel commanded. **41** And Joshua struck them from Kadesh-barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon. **42** And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. **43** Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

**CH 11** When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard of this, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, **2** and to the kings who were in the northern hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and in Naphoth-dor on the west, **3** to the Canaanites in the east and the west, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. **4** And they came out with all their troops, a great horde, in number like the sand that is on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots. **5** And all these kings joined their forces and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

**6** And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them, slain, to Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." **7** So Joshua and all his warriors came suddenly against them by the waters of Merom and fell upon them. **8** And the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. And they struck them until he left none remaining. **9** And Joshua did to them just as the LORD said to him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

**10** And Joshua turned back at that time and captured Hazor and struck its king with the sword, for Hazor formerly was the head of all those kingdoms. **11** And they struck with the sword all who were in it, devoting them to destruction; there was none left that breathed. And he burned Hazor with fire. **12** And all the cities of those kings, and all their kings, Joshua captured, and struck them with the edge of the sword, devoting them to destruction, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded. **13** But none of the cities that stood on mounds did Israel burn, except Hazor alone; that Joshua burned. **14** And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the people of Israel took for their plunder. But every person they struck with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they did not leave any who breathed.

**15** Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

**16** So Joshua took all that land, the hill country and all the Negeb and all the land of Goshen and the lowland and the Arabah and the hill country of Israel and its lowland **17** from Mount Halak, which rises toward Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he captured all their kings and struck them and put them to death. **18** Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. **19** There was not a city that made

peace with the people of Israel except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. They took them all in battle. **20** For it was the LORD's doing to harden their hearts that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the Lord commanded Moses. **21** And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. **22** There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain.

**23** So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

**CH 12** Now these are the kings of the land whom the people of Israel defeated and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon, with all the Arabah eastward: **2** Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the middle of the valley as far as the river Jabbok, the boundary of the Ammonites, that is, half of Gilead, **3** and the Arabah to the Sea of Chinneroth eastward, and in the direction of Beth-jeshimoth, to the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, southward to the foot of the slopes of Pisgah; **4** and Og king of Bashan, one of the remnant of the Rephaim, who lived at Ashtaroth and at Edrei **5** and ruled over Mount Hermon and Salecah and all Bashan to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and over half of Gilead to the boundary of Sihon king of Heshbon. **6** Moses, the servant of the LORD, and the people of Israel defeated them. And Moses the servant of the LORD gave their land for a possession to the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

**7** And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the people of Israel defeated on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, that rises toward Seir (and Joshua gave their land to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their allotments, **8** in the hill country, in the lowland, in the Arabah, in the slopes, in the wilderness, and in the Negeb, the land of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites): **9** the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; **10** the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; **11** the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; **12** the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; **13** the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; **14** the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; **15** the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; **16** the king of Makedah, one; the king of Bethel, one; **17** the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one; **18** the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; **19** the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; **20** the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; **21** the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; **22** the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one; **23** the king of Dor in Naphath-dor, one; the king of Goiim in Galilee, one; **24** the king of Tirzah, one: in all, thirty-one kings.

### **Diamonds:**

Chapters 9-11 of Joshua encapsulate a 7-year war<sup>4</sup> strategically divided into two campaigns: the southern (Joshua 10) and northern campaigns (Joshua 11). Joshua 12 is a history lesson of Israel's decades-long drive to possess God's promised land (it includes battles fought under Moses' leadership). While not precisely chronological, the purpose of the war story and history lesson of these four chapters transcends mere details. Rather, this reveals God's power, glory, and faithfulness to His promises to His people. In the details we learn the result of a life lived in active faith, active obedience, and active trust in God. A life lived as such is rewarded now, and forevermore, with rest *in God* (11.23c).

Choose one chapter from Joshua 9-12 to complete. Then complete the Deity, Doctrine, and Scripture-Soaked Prayer. If you have the time and/or desire to complete additional chapters, please do!

### **Chapter 9**

1. From Deuteronomy 20.10-18, how did the Gibeonites use God's law to their favor?

<sup>4</sup>Scholars debate the exactness of the number of years of war. This number is derived from Caleb's age as a spy (Joshua 14.7), the exactness of Deuteronomy 2.14 and Caleb's age when he claimed his inheritance (Joshua 14.10)

2. What other common human strategies did the Gibeonites use to strengthen their chances of deceiving Joshua (9.4-13)?
3. According to Numbers 27.21, what instruction had Moses given Joshua to follow when uncertain circumstances arise?
4. According to Philippians 4.6, what are God's people to do today when they face uncertainty?
5. What are some common human strategies used to prevent you from obeying God's command?
6. Briefly describe the consequences of the Gibeonite deception upon the Israelite community from 9.14-27:
7. What were the consequences to the Gibeonites (9.14-27)? See the footnote at the end of V 27, too!
8. What does this part of the Gibeonite history in chapter 9 teach you about God? What attributes or deities of God do you notice?
9. How does this history bring to life the wisdom Proverbs 3.5-6?

### Chapter 10

A most extraordinary and unbelievable meteorological and planetary event occurred in this chapter: deadly hailstones accompanied by the sun standing still and the moon stopping (not rising). In addition, the planetary event seems to have occurred because of God's obedience to Joshua's prayer (10.12-14)! Not surprisingly, there is much scholarly debate on exactly what happened, and a favored view that the "he" reference in verse 12 is a personal pronoun referencing God Himself as having spoken, commanding the sun and moon to violate their typical routine. Thus, Joshua prays to God to intervene, and God responds to Joshua's prayer. This strongly aligns with verse 14, which may be better understood as saying, "there has never been hail like THAT nor so powerful a planetary event in all of history! God responded to Joshua's prayer! See what truly awesome works God did in defeating His enemies!"

10. In light of this very broad understanding of these verses, what does God teach us about God through this most extraordinary event? Read the following verses noting how they provide a deeper understanding of a deity or doctrine of God displayed in this event:
  - a. Psalm 50.1; Colossians 1.16-17
  - b. Joshua 10.8; Romans 8.28
  - c. 1 Samuel 2.9-10
  - d. Psalm 54.2; 61.1; Luke 18.1

e. Psalm 121.4

The strength of Joshua's military command and his Divinely given wisdom are on full display in the story of the five kings who hide from him in the cave. There are many gruesome details in this account. However, each detail provided is meant to encourage us in our active faith, active obedience, and active trust of our all-sufficient Warrior-God!

11. Choose one or two details that most revile you. Prayerfully meditate on the encouragement God is providing you in the documentation of this detail. How does this/do these detail(s) strengthen your faith, obedience to Him, and trust in Him?

## Chapter 11

12. What details in 11.1-5 make this enemy especially harrowing to face?
13. What repeated phrasing is used in God's response to the magnitude of this enemy (V 6)? In other words, how does God assure His people that He also sees the magnitude of His enemy?
14. What details of a harrowing circumstance in your life does God also see? How does knowing God sees what we see in front of us assure you of His power as your all-sufficient warrior?
15. Notice the legacy of God's faithful servants briefly mentioned in verses 15 and 23. Obedience to God is a common thread in this extraordinary legacy. What else do you see as a common thread in this legacy?
16. If you replaced your name with Moses' in these two verses (Joshua 11.15, 23), whose name would be in place of Joshua's? Or, if perhaps it is that your name is best in place of Joshua's. Whose name would be replaced for Moses'?

## Chapter 12

As mentioned, Joshua 12 is a broad historical account of the decades-long conquest of God's promised land. Focusing on the kings in this recounting highlights the hallmarks of the fulfillment of God's promises. You too have a history of hallmarks of God's fulfillment of His promises in the circumstances of your life.

17. Make a "Joshua 12" of God's history in the circumstances of your life. List the hallmarks of His campaign of Love for his daughter (you!) throughout all of your life:
18. How does your "Joshua 12" challenge you to embrace the result of His campaign of Love for you: rest (11.23c)?

**Deity: Conqueror~** The Shorter Westminster Catechism asks: “How is Christ a king?” The answer: “As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.”

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords of the Kingdom of God, now and forever (1 Timothy 6.15). Having already conquered the penalty and the power of sin and death on the Cross and having received all authority on heaven and on earth, King Jesus is, according to RC Sproul, “at this very moment the supreme authority over the kingdoms of this world and over the entire cosmos. There is no inch of real estate, no symbol of power in this world that is not under His ownership and His rule at this very moment.”

While the redemption of His people did not consist in paying a ransom to Satan, the redemption Christ accomplished does affect Satan. Satan remains a foe in this world (2 Corinthians 4.4; Ephesians 2.2, 6.10-13; 1 John 5.19). However, in paying the penalty of sin and freeing His people from sin and death, Jesus also accomplished a victory of conquest over Satan and the rulers, authorities, cosmic powers, and spiritual forces of evil (Matthew 12.29; John 12.31; John 16.11; Ephesians 6.12; Colossians 2.13-15; 1 John 3.8)<sup>5</sup>.

Scripture teaches He will one day return as the Conquering King to completely conquer Satan and the very presence of sin. On that day, He will execute His final judgment and all of humanity will bow before Him, the forever reigning King of kings!” (Revelation 11.15; 20.9-15)

19. We are not called to a “holy war”, nor to violence against Christ’s enemies. Rather, we are called to a ruthlessness towards our own sins and rebellion.<sup>6</sup> Like Joshua, the empowerment to such ruthlessness is in God, now through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Also like Joshua, all glory for the moment-to-moment victories belong to God alone.

List God’s victories in you today. Likewise, list His victories in you this week:

**Doctrine: Judgment~** “Modern man is betting his eternal destiny that there is no final judgment...We cannot ever get away from the notion of final judgment fully because God ‘has put eternity into man’s heart’ (Ecclesiastes 3.11). We know that the Lord has appointed a day of judgment for all. The question is, are we ready for it?” (RC Sproul)

In his book “The Moment of Truth”, author and pastor Dr Stephen J Lawson describes God’s Final Judgment, writing: “The holiness and righteousness of God demand that He execute perfect justice on the final day. At the end of human history, God will judge the world, and His eternal purpose for redemptive history will, at last, be fulfilled.”

A judgment day is coming when God will make all things right. He will reward what is right and punish what is wrong (Acts 17.31). All the thoughts and actions of all people will be judged immediately (Romans 2.5; 1 Corinthians 4.5; 2 Corinthians 5.10).

The righteous, who have received salvation in Christ, will experience glory far beyond the sufferings of this life (Romans 8.18; 2 Timothy 4.8). This truth gives eternal perspective to our temporal suffering in this fallen world (2 Thessalonians 1.5-10). A day is coming when all tears of sorrow will be removed and when death will be no more (Revelation 21.4).

“This final courtroom scene is described with dramatic detail in Revelation 20.11-15. This is the highest court in heaven or on earth. It is the supreme court of the universe, and there is no higher court of appeal...There will only be perfect judgment.”~ Dr. Stephen J Lawson

<sup>5</sup> MacArthur & Mayhou, “Biblical Doctrine”

<sup>6</sup> Jackman, D. *Joshua* p.121

Believers will experience the joys of a new earth forever, and sin will forever cease (1 Corinthians 15.56-57). And all the children of God will be forever loved by God as He has always loved His eternal Son (John 17.24-26).<sup>7</sup>

20. Joshua 11.15, 23 teach that nothing was left undone, and that the land was given rest from war. This is a Christ-follower's reality today! Read Hebrews 3-4. What is remarkable to you about God's promises fulfilled in Christ (leaving nothing undone) and the provision of rest in Him for you today?

**Your Scripture-Soaked Prayer:** Write out Psalm 66.1-5

For what “awesome deeds” are you praising your all-sufficient warrior today? Write a prayer of praise.

### **Lecture Outline:**

**Aim:** Our God fights for His people!

- I. Our Need for a Savior (Joshua 9-10) **T1:** Whether we know it or not, we always need God.
  - a. Where might you be seeking God's power, but ignoring God's wisdom?
  - b. In which current situation are you most tempted to handle things yourself rather than seeking God's wisdom?
  - c. In what ways does God reveal Himself as your warrior today?
- II. Our Sufficient Savior (Joshua 11-12) **T2:** We can enjoy rest now knowing our Savior is sufficient to win every battle ahead.
  - a. What fears keep you from whole-heartedly following God?
  - b. What has God done that brings you assurance of His faithfulness?

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<sup>7</sup> MacArthur & Mayhou, “Biblical Doctrine”

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