



Experiencing the Victory of Faith  
Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*, Book of Joshua (#10)  
Text: Joshua 11:1 – 12:24  
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**The victory of faith requires obedience.**

1. Obedience to God and His word. (11:6-7, 9, 12, 15, 20, 23; see also 1:1-18; 3:7-13; 4:1-9, 15-18; 5:1-3, 13-15; 6:1-8; 8:1-3; 10:8-0; Exodus 23:27-33; Deuteronomy 7:1-5; 9:5; 20:16-17; John 3:36; Acts 5:29; Romans 2:8; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Hebrews 5:9)
2. Obedience in spite of great difficulty and danger. (11:1-5; see also. Romans 8:31-39; Ephesians 6:10-12; Hebrews 11:32-38; 1 Peter 5:8)
3. The danger of not responding to God, of not obeying God. (11:20; see also Pharaoh in Exodus, 4:21; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:34-35; 10:20, 27; Zechariah 7:11-12; John 3:36; Ephesians 4:17-19; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 10:31)

**The victory of faith requires work.**

1. The work of strategy. (11:6; see also 6:1-5 see also 6-27; 8:3-8; 10:9; Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4:1-23; Proverbs 14:15; 15:22; 16:3; 20:18; Luke 14:25-33; James 1:5-8)
2. The work of battle. (11:7–12:24; see also 6:1-27; 8:1-29; 10:1-43; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Corinthians 6:7; 10:3-6; Ephesians 4:11-12; 6:10-20; Philippians 2:29-30; Colossians 1:24-29; 1 Timothy 1:18-19; 6:12-16)

**The victory of faith requires patient endurance.**

1. Patient endurance for God's timing. (11:1-7; see also 1:1-9; 3:1-8; 6:1-27; Psalm 31:14-15; 37:7; 40:1; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 10:35-36)
2. Patient endurance through all of life. (11:18; see also 14:7, 10; 1 Corinthians 4:12; 9:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 11:25; 12:1-3; James 5:7-8)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Joshua chapters 11 and 12 wrap up the summary of Israel conquering the land. The reality of war is brutal and disturbing. Before we move farther, review once again why God directed Israel to conquer the land in the way He did. Read Exodus 23:27-33, Deuteronomy 7:1-6, 9:5 & 20:16-17. Summarize the reasons God gives.

**Tuesday.** Experiencing the victory of faith requires obedience—obedience to God and His word, even when facing great difficulties and dangers. It can be easy to think of Joshua and his army almost like super heroes, but each of them was a person just like we are. How obedient are you to God? Not obeying God, not responding to His grace and mercy carries serious consequences. Review the Scripture references in the outline about this, noting the dangers to non-believers and believers.

**Wednesday.** To experience victory that God gives through faith requires work. Yes, all God's blessings are by His grace. We cannot earn salvation, nor can we earn God's blessings. God gives victory as we trust Him by stepping out, seeking His direction and then moving forward. God does not reward us for sitting back and not engaging with Him, His plans, the opportunities, problems and enemies. How is your *work ethic*?

**Thursday.** Experiencing God's victory through faith also requires patient endurance—waiting for God's timing, for His action. This is life long. So remember, the Holy Spirit develops the fruit of patience in every believer who walks by faith. What are the most difficult things for you to endure, to wait for, to keep going on? Ask God to get your attention when you begin to be impatient or frustrated, and to give you strength and peace.

**Friday–Saturday.** On Sunday we will look at Joshua 14:6-15 focusing on Caleb. Read this section in preparation for our time together.