

Joshua

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BATTLE POINT

We fight fear by surrendering our decisions to God.



ACTION STEP

Ask God to reveal any area where you've already made up your mind without seeking Him.

ICEBREAKER – Which tendency do you relate to more: celebrating too early or struggling to trust that victory is real?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT.

- In your own words, what happened in Joshua 9?
- What stood out to you most from the sermon or passage?

MOVING WITHOUT PRAYING.

- Why do you think it's so easy to skip prayer when making decisions?
- When you're facing a decision, what do you typically turn to first: God, your own thinking, other people, or yourself?

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THE GOSPEL & SURRENDER.

The Gibeonites responded to God's power through deception. We are called to respond through surrender.

- What does surrender look like in your life right now?
- What is one decision (big or small) that you need to bring before the Lord this week?

DIGGING DEEPER (GROUP ACTIVITY): BLESSINGS & CURSES

Before Joshua 9, Israel pauses at Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal to renew their covenant with God, just as commanded in Deuteronomy 27–28. One group declares blessings for obedience, the other declares curses for disobedience, with God's presence in the middle. It's a clear picture: God had made His will known. And yet, in the very next chapter, they make a major decision without seeking Him. This contrast reminds us that knowing God's Word isn't the same as following it. Without continually seeking the Lord, we can quickly drift from commitment to compromise.

To help feel what Israel experienced between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, do this exercise together.

- Split your group into two halves:
- Group 1 (Blessings): Read the following Proverbs outloud that describe the blessing of obedience
 - Proverbs 3:5–6, 11:25, 16:3, 10:22
- Group 2 (Warnings): Read the following Proverbs outloud that describe the consequences of foolishness or disobedience
 - Proverbs 14:12, 13:15, 11:3, 19:3)

Close your time by praying as a group. Ask God to help you not just hear His Word—but to live it. Ask Him to give you wisdom in your decisions this week. And commit together to seek the Lord before you act, trusting Him to lead you in the path of life.