

GROUUPS

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JOSHUA: 6/21/2026 - Pastor Mike Wilson

MAIN IDEA

WHEN THE BATTLE GETS BIGGER

TALK ABOUT IT

1. **ICEBREAKER:** What the biggest challenge you've taken on - just for FUN?
2. When have you experienced a situation where the challenge seemed to grow just as you were making progress in your faith or life?
3. Why do you think God's first words to Joshua were "Do not be afraid" instead of giving him a battle strategy?
4. What fears tend to get the "first word" in your mind when you face a difficult situation?
5. How can we practically choose belief over fear when the outcome is uncertain?
6. What is one promise from God that you need to hold onto in your current season?
7. Joshua obeyed God even when His instructions may not have made sense. Why is obedience often difficult when the stakes are high?
8. What are some modern-day "horses and chariots" that people are tempted to trust more than God?
9. Can you share a time when obeying God's direction led to a better outcome than relying on your own plan?
10. Where are you tempted to settle for partial obedience instead of fully following what God is asking you to do?
11. Joshua left "nothing undone" of what God commanded. What helps a person stay faithful and finish what God has called them to do?

KEY SCRIPTURES

JOSHUA 11:1-9 (READ THE WHOLE CHAPTER)

TALK ABOUT IT (CONT.)

12. Why is it important to remember that victory belongs to God and is not something we earn ourselves?
13. What does it look like to keep trusting God during a long battle rather than a quick victory?
14. The chapter ends with "the land had rest from war." How have you experienced God's peace after a season of struggle or perseverance?
15. As you look ahead to this week, what is one battle, challenge, or area of growth where you need to start with believing instead of fearing?

NEXT STEPS

- **ENCOUNTER:**
 - **Sage Hills Social - Boot Scootin' Bingo - June 28, 6-8pm.** Western Night Fundraiser for our Youth Group Mission Trip. Chili Dogs, Watermelon & dessert auction dinner with line dancing classes & BINGO night! A night of Fun & Connection!
- **EXPERIENCE:**
 - PRAY for:
 - Small groups will grow deeper & closer
 - For new attenders to get into small groups.
 - For new leaders to rise up for Fall Groups!
 - Have you attended Growth Track? If not, come check it out! 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10am in the Fireside Room.
- **EXPAND**
 - JOIN the VBS Team - 3 Nights of Fun sharing the Gospel! July 7, 8 & 9!
 - [VBS Team Signup!](#)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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