# THE BOOK OF JOSHUA TAKING NEW GROUND



## SUN STAND STILL



<sup>6</sup>The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us."

<sup>7</sup>So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. <sup>8</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you."

Joshua 10:6-14



<sup>9</sup>After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. <sup>10</sup>The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. <sup>11</sup>As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the Lord hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

Joshua 10:6-14



<sup>12</sup>On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

"Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." <sup>13</sup>So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the *Book of Jashar*.

Joshua 10:6-14



The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. <sup>14</sup>There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

Joshua 10:6-14



## Taking New Ground Often Requires Great Breakthrough and Great Victories.



#### **Three Promises of His Kingdom**

1. I will go before you.
 2. I will fight for you.
 3. I will listen to you.



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Joshua 10:8

#### I Will Go Before You

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Joshua 10:10



## You don't have to be perfect, but you do have to surrender to His will.



## When we go on God's mission, He goes before us.



#### I Will Fight For You

<sup>11</sup>While the Amorites were running down the pass from the Israelite army, the Lord made large hailstones fall down on them all the way to Azekah. **More were killed by the hailstones than by the Israelites**.

Joshua 10:11



#### I Will Fight For You

<sup>14</sup>There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

Joshua 10:14



You don't have to be strong, but you do have to show up for the fight by faith.



When we listen to God's words, He listens to us.



#### I Will Listen to You

<sup>14</sup>There has never been a day like it before or since, a day **when the Lord listened to a human being**. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

Joshua 10:14 NIV



You don't have to be able to explain it, but you do have to believe Him for the miracle.

