



COURAGEOUS CHOICES

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INTRODUCTION

For several weeks now we have been focusing on our message series *Courageous Choices* based on the Book of Joshua in the Old Testament. Through the story of Joshua leading the Israelites through the biggest transition of their lives, we've learned more about how the choices we make today have an effect on our future. Jason Strand asked the question, "Have you ever prayed about something that was simply audacious?" Joshua prayed one of the most unorthodox, audacious prayers ever uttered. He prayed that God would cause the sun to stand still so that they—the Israelites—would have enough daylight to win the battle.

Below are some discussion questions that will help you reflect on your faith, prayer and courageous choices!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the boldest thing you have ever prayed for? What were your reasons? Who or what was involved?
2. Looking at the faith of Joshua, are you living that kind of faith in your daily walk? This is a hard question for all of us. In Steven Furtick's book, *Sun Stand Still*, he asks a question, "Could it be that God intends for us to have the same kind of audacious faith—the kind that dares to believe God for the impossible—as a normal way of life?" Share your thoughts around this.
3. **Read Joshua 10: 13 and 14.** The sun did stop in the middle of the day and delayed going down. Joshua says, "Never before or since has there been a day like that one!" We have a God who isn't insulted by our big requests. Is there something in your life that seems impossible? Does the size of your need or request seem too big for you?
4. **Joshua 10:12** says, "On the day the Lord gave the Israelites the victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to the Lord in front of all the people of Israel." In other words, Joshua laid it all out there. Have you ever just laid it out there and boldly prayed for God to move in an area of your life?
5. Might it be that God is stirring within you to be an answer—an answer to someone else's sun stand still prayer? Instead of praying one, answer one.

THINK ABOUT IT

Jesus Christ offers you unconditional love and forgiveness. God is prepared to do the impossible in your life. From Joshua we learned that God will help you win battles that you were never supposed to be in; you better be ready to march all night; an extraordinary act of God often starts with ordinary acts of obedience; and you have to be willing to lay it out there. Get bold and specific.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped."
Joshua 10:13



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