

Big Cog/Little Cog

Joshua 11

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The Big Idea: In life's faith journeys God's got a part, and we've got a part.

Truth #1: GOD'S INVOLVEMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF ANY FAITH-JOURNEY.

When Jabin king of Hazor heard of this, [what did this king hear? That Joshua was defeating city and city and taking the land. That's what you see in Joshua 10. So when he heard this] he sent word to Jobab king of Madon, to the kings of Shimron and Acshaph, ²and to the northern kings who were in the mountains, in the Arabah south of Kinnereth, in the western foothills and in Naphtali Dor on the west; ³to the Canaanites in the east and west; to the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites and Jebusites in the hill country; and to the Hivites below Hermon in the region of Mizpah. ⁴ They came out with all their troops and a large number of horses and chariots—a huge army, as numerous as the sand on the seashore. ⁵All these kings joined forces and made camp together at the Waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. Joshua 11:1-5 (NIV)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

Some . . . went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks . . . telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. ²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. Acts 11:19-21 (NIV)

Truth #2: GOD'S INVOLVEMENT DOESN'T RELEASE BELIEVERS FROM THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBEY.

The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because by this time tomorrow I will hand all of them over to Israel, slain . . . ⁷So Joshua and his whole army came against them suddenly at the Waters of Merom and attacked them . . . ¹⁵As the LORD commanded his servant Moses, so Moses commanded Joshua, and Joshua did it; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses. Joshua 11:7, 15

(See Proverbs 20:24 and Proverbs 16:9)