

REAL TRUTH. REAL LOVE. REAL HOPE.

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YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO FIGHT FOR YOU

By Jeff Schreve

Whatever battle you're in, you'll find real hope in Joshua chapter 10. There, you'll see a victory on steroids.

Joshua came up against five kings and defeated them. He took all the southern half of the Promised Land, which was a springboard to take the northern half as well. Joshua 10:42 says,

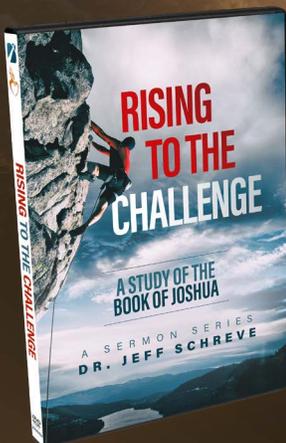
"Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel."

God fought for them—that's why they won. When God fights for you, the battle is not just a close call. It's a wipeout. Why? Because the Lord is the all-time undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, and no one comes close to Him.

We often read biblical accounts such as this and think, "That's awesome. God fought for them. But I'm facing giants in my life. I'm facing serious difficulties. I wish God would fight for me!"

Romans 8:37 says, *"But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us."*

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The Greek word translated “overwhelmingly conquer” is *hupernikao*. It means “to be more than a conqueror, a super conqueror.” If you know Jesus as Lord and Savior, the Bible says *you* are a super conqueror in Him. *You* can experience victory on steroids as you walk with the Lord.

Now of course, we all have struggles. But the Lord is telling us, “You CAN overcome—and not just by a half-court shot at the buzzer. You can overwhelmingly conquer through Me.”

That’s good news, isn’t it? You and I don’t fight *for* victory, we fight *from* a place of victory! You’re a super conqueror in Jesus Christ.

When Joshua faced those five kings, it looked like a mismatch. And it was, but not the way we think of it. It wasn’t five earthly kings against outmanned Joshua; it was five earthly kings against the Almighty King of kings. To be sure, Joshua and his men had to show up and fight, but God gave the overwhelming victory.

The Scripture says, “*If God is for us, who is against us?*” (Romans 8:31). You don’t need to fear when the Lord is for you. Insurmountable circumstances are no match for God!

He’s the God of might and miracle, and He’ll bring about your victory!

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Q&A with Jeff



Q: There’s a promise in God’s Word I’ve been praying for—and waiting for—for a long time and it hasn’t happened yet. What should I do?

A: When it comes to the promises of God, 2 Corinthians 1:20 is a key verse. God’s promises are like a check, signed by the Lord Jesus. Our “amen” (unwavering belief in the promise) endorses the check so it can be cashed in heaven’s bank. When it does not seem that God is cashing the promise check, keep reminding Him of what He has promised. God loves it when we pray His Word back to Him, and He values persistence (see Luke 18:1–10). To be sure, ask God if there is something you may not be understanding fully about this promise, but keep bringing it before Him. Remember, it is better to die in faith than to live in doubt!

Q: When my circumstances are difficult, I often think it’s the work of the devil. But could they be trials God wants me to endure? How do I know?

A: It may be both. Every attack of the devil is used by God to test us and strengthen us. Paul calls his thorn in the flesh “a messenger of Satan.” He also says that it was “given to me.” God has a purpose in every trial and wants us to trust Him in every attack and temptation from the devil. Revelation 12:11 is a great verse to memorize as we endeavor to overcome the enemy of our souls.

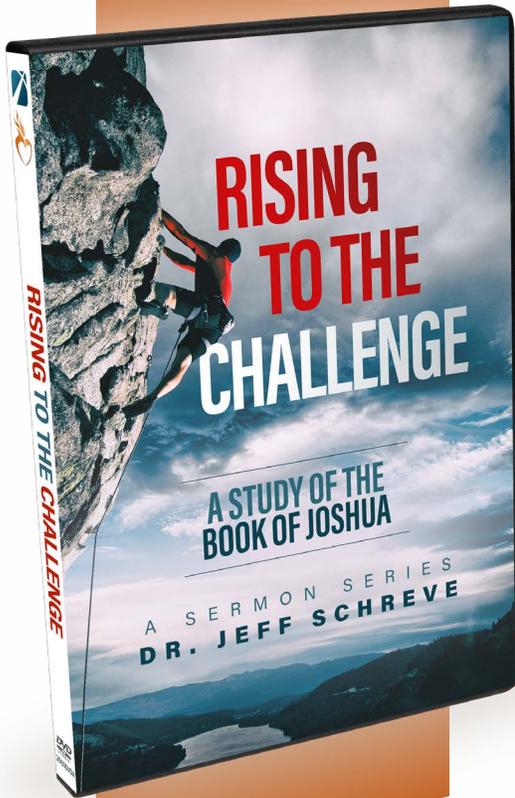
Rise to your challenge!

Dear Friend,

As the book of Joshua begins, we read that “Moses ... is dead.” Joshua is the new leader of Israel, and he’s got some BIG shoes to fill. He must rise to the challenge as he trusts the Lord and walks by faith—and the same is true for you and me today.

I’d like to help you rise to life’s challenges—and overcome them by faith—with a copy of my NEW 10-message series, *Rising to the Challenge*, as thanks for your gift of \$50 or more today.

Rising to the Challenge will help you walk in victory, overcome barriers, and lay hold of your Promised Land. So please request your copy today ... and thanks for your gift to help share the real truth, real love, and real hope of Jesus with others!



From Debbie's Heart: **FEELING OVERWHELMED?**

By Debbie Schreve

Do you ever have those moments when you feel completely overwhelmed? Like you could break if one more thing gets added to your plate? Confession: I've struggled with feeling this way.

I've heard it said before that “God doesn't give you more than you can handle.” As much as I'd like to, I don't think I agree with that statement. I think God DOES give us more than we can handle. I think He does this so we will be reminded of our frailty and of His unlimited power and ability!

Anytime I start to feel like I'm just sinking under the weight of it all, I remind myself that “when I am weak, HE IS STRONG.” I go to the Lord in prayer and tell Him exactly how I'm feeling. Then I encourage myself with one of my favorite Scriptures: Philippians 4:13, “*I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me!*”

We can't escape the burdens of life, but we can remind ourselves that His grace is sufficient. We can keep our eyes on Him. We can keep trusting Him because He is 100 percent trustworthy! It's His Spirit within us that makes us more than a conqueror!



A note to you from Jeff

Dear Friend,

Life can be hard, and the days we're living in are challenging for everyone. But you and I have unshakeable hope—*His name is Jesus*.

The world is scrambling for the spiritual hope and answers that you and I have in Christ, and the Lord urges us to share His truth with others. The Scripture says, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). And together we are!

Together, we're sharing the gospel with millions of people every week on radio, television, and online. The Holy Spirit is transforming many lives as we boldly lift up the name of Jesus.

Thank you for any gift you can send today to help share the gospel, which Paul calls "the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

Please also pray that more people will find real hope, real truth, and real love in Jesus. I'm grateful for your partnership to advance God's Kingdom. I can't wait to hear more testimonies of lives transformed through your support!

Love,



YOUR GIFTS change lives WITH JESUS' LOVE

Through your generous support, you help reach people like Julie with the life-changing Word of God. She wrote to share...

"Every time I listen to From His Heart, the Lord works in my heart. I had in my mind that I was a person who could never be close to the Lord. When I listen to From His Heart, your words from God's heart penetrate into my soul. Please continue to use them to show the world the way."

Thank you for your gifts and prayers to help more people like Julie make a genuine heart connection with the Lord.

DID YOU KNOW?

We've got some important news about the CARES Act, the recently passed stimulus bill, and how it impacts your giving.

First, if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return, you can claim a charitable tax deduction up to a total of \$300. Second, some people will now be able to make charitable deductions up to 100 percent of their adjusted gross income. Also, the limit for corporations to make charitable deductions has been increased from 10 percent to 25 percent of taxable income.

Thank you for your ongoing support of *From His Heart!*