



How to respond to counterattack
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

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[Ephesians 5:15–16]

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

[Luke 12:35-40]

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks, they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.

2. Don't stay comfortable – March on!**[Joshua 10:7-9]**

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3. Don't battle with your strength alone - Call on the Lord!**[Joshua 10:9-14]**

After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise! The Lord threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. 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. 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.” So, the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. 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!

[Judges 8:4]

Then Gideon and the three hundred men who were with him came to the Jordan and crossed over, exhausted yet still pursuing.

Key Points:

- 1. Don't waste time – Let's Go!**
- 2. Don't stay comfortable – March On!**
- 3. Don't battle with your strength alone – Call on the Lord!**

Applications for the Week:

The call is to "move forward; don't stay stuck." What areas of your life feel stagnant, and what is one small, obedient step you can take this week to move forward in faith toward what God has promised you?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** Pastor Hilary highlighted that the enemy's intent is to "discourage, delay, and destroy." How does the enemy's attack on Gibeon in Joshua 10 illustrate these tactics?
- 2.** Pastor Hilary emphasizes that "remaining sedentary in spiritual life forfeits destiny." How does Joshua's immediate and decisive action, rather than waiting or delegating, illustrate the importance of actively pursuing God's promises?
- 3.** In Joshua 10, How can Joshua's personal commitment to defend the land, even though Gibeon wasn't technically his people, be seen as a model for taking personal responsibility in our own spiritual battles?
- 4.** Pastor Hilary spoke about how "spiritual victory is anchored in Christ's finished work, yet it unfolds through human obedience, tenacity, and the prudent use of God-given means." How does the Lord's involvement in confusing the enemy before Israel's attack in Joshua 10 show the interplay between God's power and Joshua's obedience?
- 5.** Pastor Hilary warned us to "recognize the enemy's intent" and that opposition is "strategic and targeted at what matters most." What are some ways you've noticed discouragement, delay, or destruction trying to hinder your progress in your faith or calling?
- 6.** We are called to "defend your promised inheritance." What is one aspect of your spiritual inheritance (e.g., a relationship, a calling, a personal victory) that you need to actively protect or reclaim right now?