

Joshua
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Text: Joshua 9:1-15 (ESV)

1. When you live by faith, expect _____.

Joshua 9:1 (ESV)

As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this,

Joshua 9:2 (ESV)

they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.

1 John 4:4 (ESV)

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

2. When you live by faith, you seek the Lord to avoid _____.

Joshua 9:3-4a (ESV)

But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they on their part acted with cunning

1 Timothy 3:7 (ESV)

Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Deuteronomy 7:1-2 (ESV)

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.

Joshua 9:3-5 (ESV)

But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly.

Joshua 9:6 (ESV)

And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us."

Joshua 9:7-8 (ESV)

But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?" They said to Joshua, "We are your servants." And Joshua said to them, "Who are you? And where do you come from?"

Joshua 9:15 (ESV)

And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

2 Corinthians 11:14 (ESV)

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Joshua 9:14 (ESV)

So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD.

3. When you live by faith, you value _____.

Joshua 9:18a (ESV)

But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel.

Joshua 9:18b (ESV)

Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders.

Joshua 9:19-21 (ESV)

But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them." And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

Joshua 9:24-27 (ESV)

They answered Joshua, "Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the LORD your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you—so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing. And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it." So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them. But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place that he should choose.