

Big Idea: God moves in response to bold faith to change impossible situations.

1) Bold faith acts on the promises of God. (v. 6-8)

What did God promise to Joshua?

How many promises contained in the Bible can you recount?

Read 1John 5:14-15. How can you know you are praying according to God's will?

You can always be confident you are paying God's will when you pray according to these truths in scripture. Are you praying or acting counter to these things?

- It is God's will for the church to fulfill the great commission. (Matt. 28:18-20)
- It is God's will for sinners to repent and be saved. (2Peter 3:9)
- It is God's will for people to endure suffering with trust in God. (1Peter 4:19)
- It is God's will for your marriage to make it to last a lifetime. (Matt. 19:6)
- It is God's will for relationships to be reconciled. (Ephesians 4:32)
- It is God's will for you to live victorious over sexual sin. (1Thess. 4:3)
- It is God's will for you to act immediately. (Heb. 3:15)

Do you ever feel like God is not listening to your prayers? Why?

Have you stopped praying for these things because it seems so impossible?

2) Bold faith is rooted in the power of God. (v. 9-11)

List the four things God did in v. 10-11 to show his power.

Have you lost faith in God's ability to change your situation? Why?

How have you seen God's power in the last 3 months?

Verse 11 says "more died because of the hailstones than...Israel killed with the sword." If God had the power to defeat his enemies why do you think Joshua had to fight?

When I cooperate with God in the battle, any victory has much more to do with God's power than my obedience. How do you give God glory for acting in power on your behalf?

3) Bold faith believes God for the "impossible." (v. 12-14)

Specific prayers get specific answers.

Do you use these elements when you pray?

- Alone?
- On your knees?
- Out loud?
- With a list?

The greatest miracle was not that the sun stood still but that “the Lord heeded the voice of man” and “the Lord fought for Israel.” Do you live with a sense of awe that the God of the universe hears your prayers of desperation and praise?

Share with your group your “sun stand still” prayer. How did you complete the following assignment?

1) Identify an “impossible” situation that you are facing. (Luke 1:37)

Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God.”

- Broken relationships.
- Financial provisions.
- Career aspirations.
- Spiritual awakening at church, work, school, community, nation, and world.
- Physical and emotional healing.
- Loved ones to return to God.
- Strength in the face of temptations.
- Finding and loving a spouse for a lifetime.
- Ministry resources and opportunities.

2) Write out what you want the Lord to do with specific wording. (Mark 10:51)

Mark 10:51 And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”

3) Express your confidence to God that he is able to move on your behalf. (1John 5:14-15)

1 John 5:14–15 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

4) Verbalize your trust in God’s goodness and timing. (Psalm 37:3-5)

Psalm 37:3–5 Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

5) Thank God for the answer. (1Thessalonians 5:18)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.