

# BIG God

Facing Life's Challenges...Trusting One Big God!

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## ***God's Faithfulness...Promotes Faith!*** Joshua 10

**Introduction**—Fear wears many faces. What role has *fear* played in shaping what you've done and who you've become? What role does *fear* play now?

### **Context of Joshua 10**

- \* The unfortunate peace treaty between Israel and Gibeon - 9:14—"they didn't inquire of the Lord"
- \* Israel take the mid-section of Canaan. Time to go South!

### **A Tale of 2 Cities**

#### **1) Jerusalem—King Adoni-Zedek**

- \* He "feared greatly" (v.2)—vulnerable
- \* *Why?* 1) Joshua's mighty reputation  
2) Gibeon's treaty with Israel/Joshua
- \* *His response to fear?* He looks to man's resources.

#### **2) Gibeon—a confederation of 4 towns**

- \* They "feared greatly" (9:24)—vulnerable
- \* *Why?* 1) Joshua's mighty reputation  
2) Jerusalem's treaty with Amorite kings
- \* *His response to fear?* He looks to man's resources.

***Am I prone to allowing fear to define me/my choices?***

**Joshua**—Only God can transform *big fear* into *big faith!*

- \* God has been faithful...and He will be faithful!!
- \* He places his fear/himself in God's hands.
- \* God strengthens Joshua's faith: *a needed reminder!*  
- God's *Promise*, God's *Presence*, God's *Power*
- \* Psalm 118:5-9—

***So many reasons to be afraid...and only 1 NOT to be—a Big GOD!***

**Fear can be such a prison. But it doesn't have to be.  
The *Irony* of Growing Faith—freedom comes thru surrender.**