

Sermon Title:
"Beating the Odds!" ~ Joshua 11

INTRODUCTION:

I. If You Desire to Experience Spiritual Victory, Do Not be Afraid of The Odds vs. 1-5

A. How formidable was the enemy? vs. 1-5

1. The strength of Hazor.
2. The strength of the coalition.
 - a) All their armies came.
 - b) They were as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
 - c) They had horses.
 - d) They had chariots.

B. How we naturally react when we are overwhelmed. vs. 6-9

1. We are afraid.
 - a) How many times is Joshua afraid in this book?
 - (1) Chapter 1:9
 - (2) Chapter 8:2
 - (3) Chapter 10:8
 - (4) Chapter 11:6
 - b) Why Joshua might not have been afraid.
 - (1) God spoke to him regularly.
 - (2) He saw God do four miracles.
 - (3) He led Israel in several victories.

c) Why he was afraid.

- (1) Often our feelings control our thinking.
- (2) We can't help what we feel.

2. How we overcome our fears.

- a) Hear God say, "Do not be afraid."
- b) Know your purpose and stay focused on it.

II. If You Desire to Experience Spiritual victory, Do What God Says in His Word. vs. 10-15

A. Do exactly what God says. vs. 12, 15

B. Leave the results to God.

III. If You Desire to Experience Spiritual Victory, Plan on A Long Battle. vs. 16-23

A. What kind of fighting can we expect?

1. It could be hard.
2. It could be ordinary (no miracles).
3. We may have to fight against giants! v. 21

B. Expect that God will eventually say, "Enough is enough." vs. 19, 20

CONCLUSION: