

DON'T SETTLE WITH THE DEVIL

Joshua
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Joshua 9](#)
- [John 8:44](#)
- [2 Corinthians 2:5-11](#)
- [Ephesians 6:10-11](#)

KEY POINTS

- An alliance is formed with five kings to come against Israel, but the people of Gibeon decide to use some trickery to save themselves.
- The Gibeonites deceived Joshua into thinking they were from a foreign land and Joshua, unaware, made peace with his enemy.
- One small verse in the middle of this chapter made a big difference: they failed to ask counsel from the Lord.
- Our adversary, the devil, is very crafty and deceives us into believing his lies.
- The devil's deception can lead us to discouragement, despair, disillusionment, and defeat.
- Many of us settle with the devil's lies and blame ourselves.
- The lies of the devil often hold us hostage, keeping us from growing in Christ.
- We are to be on guard and not be outwitted by Satan and his schemes.
- When lies become exposed, it is important to backfill them with the truth.
- Always remember, our adversary has more power than us, but never more than what God can give us!

DISCUSSION

1. Those who are willing, discuss any lies that were exposed to you during this message with your group.
2. Work together as a group to proclaim the truth of God's Word & aim it at the lies.
3. Share an experience in your past where you believed a lie. How you were able to overcome that lie?
4. Discuss ways to discern whether you're hearing from God, yourself, or the devil.
5. Pray as group in advance of next week's message as we begin working through the five kings.