

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

JULY 19

"GOD IS SOVEREIGN"

Scripture Reference

- **Joshua 10**

Quick Re-Cap

→ In Joshua 10, God's people were in a very difficult battle. The battle happened because they had made a promise without asking God first. Their mistake brought hard consequences, and now they had to face a powerful army! Even though they had made a bad decision, God did not abandon them. The Israelites still had to march all night and fight the battle, but God fought for them too! He confused their enemies, sent hailstones from heaven, and even caused the sun to stand still so Israel could finish the battle. This story teaches us that God is **sovereign**. That means He is the all-powerful King over everything! Nothing surprises Him, and nothing is too hard for Him. God's sovereignty does not mean our choices don't matter. Our choices have real consequences, and God wants us to obey Him. But when we confess our sins and trust Him, our mistakes cannot stop God's loving plan to bring us close to Him through Jesus. God's greatest rescue wasn't stopping the sun, it was sending Jesus to save us from our sin. Jesus makes it possible for us to be forgiven and have a relationship with God! Isn't that amazing?

Illustration

Have you ever been in the car when someone missed a turn? Does the GPS yell, "That's it! I'm done with you!"? No. It says, "Recalculating." The wrong turn was real, and it might make the trip longer. You might even miss something along the way. But the GPS is able to find another route to get you where you need to go. God is even greater than that! When we sin, our choices have real consequences. God doesn't pretend they didn't happen. But when we turn back to Him, He doesn't abandon us! Because He is sovereign, He is able to guide us again and continue His good work in our lives.

Application

→ Everyone makes mistakes. Maybe you've disobeyed your parents, said something unkind, or chose to do what you knew was wrong. Those choices do have consequences, but God invites us to come to Him for help. We can admit our sin, ask for forgiveness, and trust that He will help us walk in the right direction. Because God is sovereign, he is still able to make his plan for our life happen! Let's thank God for his sovereignty and ask him to help us make choices that honor him this week.

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- What does it mean that God is sovereign?
- What is something in your life that you need to trust in God's power about?