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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

## Put your foot on your circumstances!

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**JOSHUA 10:25 NKJV - (25)** Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."

He gathers together all the men of Israel — and to this day, when we read this story, he gathers us as well. The soldiers stand there shoulder to shoulder, and we stand with them as part of the audience. Joshua has something he wants us all to see. Calling the military chiefs from the crowd, he orders them to step forward and face these Amorite kings, presumably bound and lying on the ground. Joshua tells these leaders of Israel to put their feet on the necks of these kings, and then he proclaims, ***Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight.***

And he means it. All Israel's enemies — God's enemies — will ultimately be defeated. Even in the darkest days, when it seems evil is prevailing, *it's not*. It can't. Why? Because long before the chiefs of Israel put their feet on the necks of these foes, God promised us One who would put his foot on the neck of our greatest foe. This is where Joshua 10 is pointing.

At the beginning, before we humans were exiled from the Garden, God said he would send a Son who would crush the serpent (**Genesis 3:15**). And indeed this Son has come. But rather than conquer by the strength of a sword, he conquered by the suffering of a cross. Rather than trap his enemies in a cave, he gave himself to be trapped, hid behind a large stone — until the third day when he rose from the dead and secured our victory over the grave.

"The LORD will fight for you" has now become to us: Jesus has fought for you. And because of this truth, we hear Joshua's words to Israel as an invitation to us. Based upon God's promise of a Messiah, Joshua beckons us to stand in awe of this spectacle, embrace its symbolism, and connect this scene of hope to our struggles today. Joshua invites us to take our own feet and place them on the neck of the Enemy. The sin that ceaselessly tries to ensnare us, ***put your foot on it***. The lie that wants us to buy sin's empty promises, ***put your foot on it***. The demonic power that deceives the world and attempts to rob our joy, ***put your foot on it***. And even Satan himself, one day soon, the God of peace will tell us, ***Put your foot on him***" (**Romans 16:20**).

**SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 26:3**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** How do you handle a crisis? Transfer the problem from yourself to God.