

## God's Got Your Six!

"Got your six" = "I've got your back." Comes from the old pilot system in which directions correspond to hours on the clock, where 12 o'clock is forward and 6 o'clock is behind." It means also, "I'll always be there for you!"

### Joshua 7:1-6

1. But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things ; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel.
2. Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai.
3. When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the people will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary all the people, for only a few men are there."
4. So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai,
5. who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.
6. Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads.

### Joshua 8:1-7

1. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Take the whole army with you, and go up and attack Ai. For I have delivered into your hands the king of Ai, his people, his city and his land.
2. You shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king, except that you may carry off their plunder and livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush behind the city."
3. So Joshua and the whole army moved out to attack Ai. He chose thirty thousand of his best fighting men and sent them out at night
4. with these orders: "Listen carefully. You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on the alert.
5. I and all those with me will advance on the city, and when the men come out against us, as they did before, we will flee from them.
6. They will pursue us until we have lured them away from the city, for they will say, 'They are running away from us as they did before.' So when we flee from them,

7. you are to rise up from ambush and take the city. The LORD your God will give it into your hand.

Many times God not only lets us experience great challenges, but He uses those very challenges to accomplish his greater purposes in our lives!

### **I. Always remember that God has a PLAN!**

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:12-13

12Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

### **II. Always remember that God has a PURPOSE!**

"This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

Christ won decisively, because death did not hold Him in the grave!

Often God uses the rough spots in life's road to draw us closer to Him!

Remember, God isn't just trying to come up with a solution to your problems,

He always had a plan and that plan had a purpose!

### **III. Always remember that God has made a PROMISE!**

"Don't be discouraged, go up and attack Ai, for I have delivered them into your hands."

The greatest treasures are the promises of God hidden in the pages of the Word of God.

Joshua 1:5 - "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Col. 1:13-15

13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
15. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Heb. 11:27 - By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is INVISIBLE.

1 Tim. 1:17 - Now to the King eternal, immortal, INVIVIBLE, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOD HAS A PLAN--Even if you're eyes and your nose say, "by this time it stinks" let your faith say "God has a Plan."

GOD HAS A PURPOSE--Even when your reason says "this makes no sense" let your faith say "God Has a Purpose"

GOD HAS MADE A PROMISE--Even when your heart says "God has left me hanging" let your faith say "God has made a promise"

Tell your neighbor, "Don't worry... God's got your six!"