

Back to the Future
“The Christian Life Portrayed in the History of Israel”
Pt 6 - Completing What We Start Joshua 11:1-12:24 (p 154)
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I am to engage in spiritual battle from an o f f e n s i v e rather than a d e f e n s i v e position (11:1-10)

- There is n o p a s s i v i t y in God’s strategy (1-6; Matt 16:18-19; Eph 6:10-18)
- I must determine to t r u s t G o d ’ s ways and not m a n ’ s ways (7-10)

Victory r e q u i r e s that the enemy be totally d e s t r o y e d (11:11-20)

- The pursuit of victory requires
 - c o m p l e t e o b e d i e n c e to God’s Word (vs 9,12,15; 1 Sam 15:1-35; Acts 5:29)
 - p e r s e v e r a n c e t o c o n t i n u e to fight (vs 18; Phil 3:10-16; Heb 12:1-3)

I am n o t to let my greatest f e a r s stop me from s e r v i n g God (11:21-12:24)

- I learn to o v e r c o m e one b a t t l e at a time (21-22; 12:1-24; Luke 16:10; Rom 5:3-5)
- I find the r e s t that only J e s u s C h r i s t can give (11:23; Matt 11:28-30; Heb 4:1-11)

Making it mine...

Do I trust human reasoning more than I trust God? How can I distinguish the difference? Is that an issue that keeps me passive rather than bold in trusting God’s truth and obeying it? Explain. _____

How would you define perseverance? How does that/how should that, affect your response to God in your Christian life? _____

What is the greatest fear that keeps you from abandoning yourself to Christ to follow Him? Read Romans 8:28-39 again. Now...does that reality have any effect on your fear? Why or why not? _____

