

HONORING YOUR WORD CAN RELEASE THE SUPERNATURAL!

Welcome to Immerse, family and friends! October is our Month of Honor and Appreciation—a sacred opportunity to place greater value on God, His presence, and one another. Today, we continue our sermon series on HONOR, with a powerful word: “Honoring Your Word Can Release the Supernatural!” Prepare your hearts to receive this Word, because when we walk in integrity, remain faithful to our commitments, and honor God in our conduct, we position ourselves to witness His hand at work. Immerse, let us grow as a people whose words can be trusted, whose character reflects Christ, and whose lives demonstrate the power of honor!

Today we are going deeper into the revelation of honor! Honor is not just how we treat people; honor is revealed by how we handle our word! In a generation where promises are easily broken and commitments are often abandoned, God is raising up a people whose character reflects His faithfulness. Our word should carry weight, our commitments should demonstrate integrity, and our conduct should bring glory to Jesus Christ. Today, we will discover through the life of Joshua that even when keeping your word becomes difficult, your integrity must remain intact! Get ready, Immerse, because when honor governs your heart and integrity guides your actions, you create room for God to demonstrate His power in ways that exceed human ability.

I. Deceived, Yet Determined to Keep My Word

Josh. 9:3-7 (NLT): *But when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 **they resorted to deception to save themselves.** They sent ambassadors to Joshua, loading their donkeys with weathered saddlebags and old, patched wineskins. 5 They put on worn-out, patched sandals and ragged clothes. And the bread they took with them was dry and moldy. 6 When they arrived at the camp of Israel at Gilgal, they told Joshua and the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant land to ask you to make a peace treaty with us.”*

(v. 14-15) KJV): *So, the Israelites examined their food, but **they did not consult the Lord.** 15 Then Joshua made a peace treaty with them and guaranteed their safety, and the leaders of the community ratified their agreement with a binding oath.*

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II. Keep Your Word When It Becomes Inconvenient

Josh. 10:4-6 (NLT): “Come and help me destroy Gibeon,” he urged them, “for they have made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel.” 5 So these five Amorite kings combined their armies for a united attack. They moved all their troops into place and attacked Gibeon.

6 The men of Gibeon quickly sent messengers to Joshua at his camp in Gilgal. “Don’t abandon your servants now!” they pleaded. “Come at once! Save us! Help us! For all the Amorite kings who live in the hill country have joined forces to attack us.”

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III. God Sent Great Hailstones From Heaven

Joshua 10:11 (KJV): *“The LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.”*

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IV. When Honor Meets the Power of God

Josh. 10:14 (KJV): *“For the LORD fought for Israel!”*

Josh. 10:25 (NLT): *Don’t ever be afraid or discouraged,” Joshua told his men. “Be strong and courageous, for the LORD is going to do this to all of your enemies.”*

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My Declaration of Honor

I declare that my words will align with my convictions and my conduct will reflect the character of Christ. **I will** seek God before making commitments, honor my word when it is difficult, and walk in integrity when no one is watching. **I will** not allow pressure to compromise my principles or disappointment to destroy my character. **I will** fulfill my responsibilities with faithfulness and trust God with the battles beyond my control. As I walk in truth, obedience, and honor, I believe God will strengthen me, establish my integrity, and demonstrate His power according to His will. In Jesus' name, Amen!

This Week's Honor Challenge

- Keep one commitment you have been tempted to postpone.
- Communicate honestly if you cannot fulfill an obligation.
- Honor someone by following through on your word.
- Pray before making any new commitment.
- Ask yourself daily: “Can people see the faithfulness of God reflected in my faithfulness?”

Remember: Honor does not guarantee a miracle on demand. It positions our lives to reflect God's character as we trust Him to work according to His wisdom and will. Joshua 10 reminds us that the Lord is able to fight battles beyond our human strength.