



**JOSHUA: STRONG  
& COURAGEOUS**  
“Discernment for  
Dealing with Deception”  
*Joshua 9-10*  
October 31, 2021

**The Encounter between Israel & Gibeon**

- 1) There was determined defiance against Joshua & Israel 9:1-2
- 2) There was deception and disguise by the enemy (Gibeonites) 9:3-13
- 3) There was a decision with no discernment 9:14-15
- 4) The deceit discovered & determination to do what was right 9:16-21
- 5) The enemy’s dread and delight 9:22-25
- 6) The Lord had already determined to direct it for their good 9:26-27 Deuteronomy 21:10-11; 29:11; Nehemiah 7:25
- 7) Their dedication to defend 10:1-7
- 8) Their dependence on the Lord 10:8-15
- 9) Their defeat of the enemy 10:16-28

**Lessons we learn and can apply this week**

1. Recognize the Deception
2. Realize your Mistakes

3. Respond with Integrity
4. Be reminded of the consequences of being deceived
5. Remember God is always at work
6. Ask and receive God’s blessing and victory

**Response Questions:**

1. What are some occasions where you rushed ahead and failed to seek God’s wisdom and had to face the consequences? Share them
2. What are some of the experiences the Lord has used to teach you to have a closer reliance on Him in decision making? Share them
3. What are some ways the Lord has brought blessings out of the mistakes you’ve made in your life? Share them
4. What are some ways you’ve seen the Lord miraculously intervene in your life? Share some.
5. Why is it so important that we respond with integrity to the commitments we have made, even if they are hard or difficult? How does it reflect on our relationship with the Lord?

