

Courageous Week 5

Many poor decisions have been made when compromise is nearby. In the book of Joshua, we are told the story of Joshua making a covenant with the Gibeonites despite the law prohibiting any covenants. The irony is Joshua had just read the law that specifically prohibited making covenants with foreign nations. Did Joshua forget about this command? Did he think it wasn't a big deal? Or was it "just" a small compromise? This compromise by Israel was a big deal and they suffered. The truth is, many people know what they ought to do but they make small compromises in their faith. They see their decisions as an exception to the wisdom of God. There are no small compromises just poor decisions.

Read Joshua 9:1 – 10:8

1. Based on the video you just watched, what most stood out to you?
2. It has been said compromise is one of the deadliest enemies. What are some common ways people compromise in their faith?
3. Most Christians know what they ought to do. Why do some people view their decisions as an exception to the rule?
4. What are some of the dangers that come from small compromises?
5. What comfort do you find in knowing God is still faithful to us despite our disobedience?
6. What advice would you give someone after hearing the story of Joshua and the Gibeonites?
7. Based on this discussion, what do you need to do differently this week?

