

REAL BIBLE HEROES

Joshua

Part 4: Second chances

When someone hurts you there is always human fleshly desire to take revenge and make them feel the pain you felt. How should we respond in a godly way instead of reacting? In "Joshua, Part 4", we see how Joshua shows his mercy to those who have deceived him.

(A) MATERIAL:

Read Joshua 9:22-27

Talk it Out

- People are not always honest and have bad intentions to get what they want. When was the last time you acted selfishly?
- Joshua asked questions to gain clarity from the Gibeonites who wanted to deceive him however they continued to lie. How do you feel when you give someone a chance to tell the truth but knowingly tell a lie after lie?
- The people found out from a third party that they were deceived. After the Gibeonites were confronted by Joshua, they repented. If you were Joshua, what would you have done?
- Joshua still kept his covenant with the Lord despite his circumstances. He remained faithful to what he promised God. He did not negotiate with God in order to satisfy his anger towards the Gibeonite. How often do you forget the commitments or promises you made to God about Recess Revolution just to put yourself first?

(B) MISSION:

THIS WEEK, remember to always respond than react when people hurt you. Ask God to show you His loving kindness and mercy. **Tell** people, "I forgive you." or even ask, "will you forgive me?" when you have wronged someone. **Give** people a second chance!

(C) PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me a second chance through the cross. Help me Lord to show your unconditional love and forgiveness to those around me. Lord, use me as your even when I am hurting. In Jesus' name, Amen.