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**January 16, 1991: Operation Desert-Storm begins after US planes bomb Kuwait**



**February 23, 1991: Ground War begins**



**March 3, 1991: Iraqi Leaders accept cease fire terms**

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**March 20,  
2003:  
Beginning  
of current  
Gulf War**





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- ▶ War is horrible and consists of many long strings of battles
- ▶ Our war with Satan and our flesh is daily and requires us to finish what we've started



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- ▶ **Joshua 10:5** (English Standard Version)  
<sup>5</sup>Then the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped against Gibeon and made war against it.
  - ▶ What will Gibeon do? Where is their hope?
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## ▶ **Joshua 10:6** (English Standard Version)

<sup>6</sup>And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "Do not relax your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country are gathered against us."

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- ▶ They ask for help
- ▶ God often uses people to fulfill His promises
- ▶ When people ask for help, will we respond Biblically?



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- ▶ **Joshua 10:9** (English Standard Version)  
⁹So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal.
- ▶ Sometimes what you have is a sincere, "I'll pray for you", but it can't be our default answer.
- ▶ Do you need help?
- ▶ Once we know, we must get up and do something!





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## ▶ **Joshua 10:10-11** (English Standard Version)

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD threw them into a panic before Israel, who struck them with a great blow at Gibeon and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. <sup>11</sup> And as they fled before Israel, while they were going down the ascent of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died because of the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

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## ▶ **Joshua 10:12-13** (English Standard Version)

<sup>12</sup>At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

"Sun, stand still at Gibeon,  
and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."

<sup>13</sup>And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

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- ▶ God lengthened the day
  - ▶ We can think of dozens of reasons why this couldn't have happened
    - ▶ 1) History supports it
    - ▶ 2) Calendars and math support it
    - ▶ 3) Nature's laws are subject to the Law Maker
  - ▶ Do we really want a non-miraculous Bible or God?
  - ▶ "The mind which asks for a non-miraculous Christianity is a mind in process of relapsing from Christianity into mere religion." CS Lewis, *Miracles*
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- ▶ God can move miraculously in our battles today
  - ▶ The point isn't that God always moves the universe to come to your immediate swift aid...
  - ▶ ...The point is that He can!
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- ▶ **Joshua 10:16-17** (English Standard Version)  
<sup>16</sup>These five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. <sup>17</sup>And it was told to Joshua, "The five kings have been found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah."
  - ▶ Imagery of new life in Christ and the battles we face
  - ▶ 1) Control the flesh
  - ▶ Control it or be controlled by it
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## ▶ **Joshua 10:22-24** (English Standard Version)

<sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring those five kings out to me from the cave." <sup>23</sup>And they did so, and brought those five kings out to him from the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. <sup>24</sup>And when they brought those kings out to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near; put your feet on the necks of these kings." Then they came near and put their feet on their necks.





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- ▶ 2) Confront the flesh
- ▶ Humiliate it or be humiliated by it



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## ▶ **Joshua 10:25-27** (English Standard Version)

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<sup>25</sup>And Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid or dismayed; be strong and courageous. For thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight." <sup>26</sup>And afterward Joshua struck them and put them to death, and he hanged them on five trees. And they hung on the trees until evening. <sup>27</sup>But at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees and threw them into the cave where they had hidden themselves, and they set large stones against the mouth of the cave, which remain to this very day.

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- ▶ 3) Destroy the flesh
- ▶ Kill it or live under it



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## ▶ **Joshua 11:8** (English Standard Version)

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD gave them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. And they struck them until he left none remaining.

- ▶ Tenacity will be required.
- ▶ Will we finish what we've started?
- ▶ Don't quit!



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- ▶ **Joshua 11:23 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>23</sup>So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

- ▶ Commitment will be required

- ▶ Only being committed to God's desires is enough

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- ▶ Battles rage around and in us every day
- ▶ Our enemies would rule us and rob us of peace and cause us to live in fear
- ▶ Where is our victory when things don't turn around?
- ▶ Sometimes it's in defeat that we win, just like Christ





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- ▶ Christ was put under a curse
- ▶ Hung on a tree
- ▶ Buried in a cave
- ▶ All as a result of our sin and in our place
- ▶ But the cave couldn't hold Him and it's through Him that we have victory



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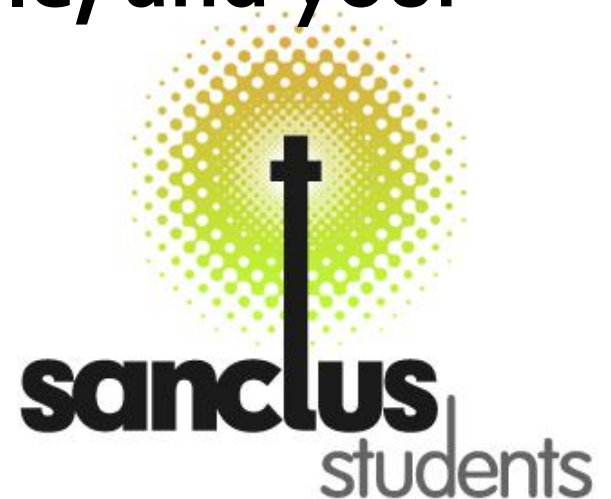
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- ▶ Let the lost turn to Jesus
- ▶ Let the redeemed turn to Jesus



# Sanctus Student Ministry News

- All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders...Sanctus is back!!
- Every WEDNESDAY, beginning Aug.18, 6:30 – 8:30 PM @ the Greatwood Rec Center.
- Bring cash for pizza, your Bible, and your friends!
- Check out the bulletin for all the details!





# Promotion

Children who will be in **1st-5th grade** in the 2010-11 school year will promote into Hi-5 **NEXT Sunday, August 22.**

Students who will be in **grades 6-12** in the 2010-11 school year ~ if you missed promotion, you are officially in Sanctus! Join us this Wednesday!

# School Supply Drive: Bowie Elementary

- ✓ Please join us as we support local kids!
- ✓ Bring the needed supplies until August 29<sup>th</sup>:
- ✓ 4 Count Crayons, Markers, Map Pencils, Red Checking Pencils, #2 Pencils, Glue Sticks, Spiral Wide Ruled Notebooks, Zip Lock Sandwich Bags, Solid Color Pocket Folder with Brads



# LADIES: BUNKO NIGHT & BIBLE STUDY

- Join us **TOMORROW!**  
**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM**
- **Mindi Sanders will host:**
  - **7326 Moss Wood Drive, Sugar Land, Greatwood Subdivision**
- **Sign up by email**  
**[ladies@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:ladies@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)**
- **You won't want to miss this great night of fun & fellowship!**





# MOTHER'S OF PRESCHOOLERS

When & Where: Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

9-11AM @ the Greatwood Chick-fil-A



For: Bible study, fellowship, and encouragement.

Bring your children! Childcare will be  
provided.

RSVP today at [info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com](mailto:info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com)

See bulletin for contact information.



# DAY OF WORSHIP

**Sunday, September 5th**

**Communion - Prayer - Worship**

**Come ready for God to move in your life!**

