



The Walls Came Tumbling Down!

Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*, Book of Joshua (#6)

Text: Joshua 6:1-27

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Theme: **God gives victory through faith.**

Faith that truly believes God.

1. Faith that believes God's promises.
(2; see also John 10:10; 14:3, 27; 15:11; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 13:5)
2. Faith that believes God's strategy.
(3-5; see also Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 5:38-48; 20:25-28; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:1-2)

Faith that totally obeys God.

1. Ready and eager obedience.
(12, 15; see also Acts 17:10-11; 21:13; Romans 1:15; 2 Timothy 4:1-2; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 3:13-16; 2 Peter 1:12)
2. Bold and disciplined obedience.
(1, 6-12, 15-20; see also 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Faith that patiently waits on God.

1. Faith that does not get discouraged.
(6-20; see also 1:9; Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Psalm 31:24; Romans 12:12; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)
2. Faith that relies on God's timing.
(14-16, 20-27; see also Psalm 37:34; Isaiah 49:23; Habakkuk 2:3; Galatians 6:9)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Joshua 6 records the great victory God gave Israel over Jericho. In that is the total destruction of every person in the city, except Rahab and her family. Read God's instructions on this in Deuteronomy 20:16-18 against the backdrop of Genesis 15:13-16 (see also Deuteronomy 7:1-6; Joshua 10:40; 11:12, 15, 20). Identify two reasons for God's command to do this. What does Rahab and her family being spared show us?

Tuesday. God gives victory through faith that truly believes Him, that truly believes His promises and strategy. Try to picture yourself as Joshua, one of his commanders or the people hearing 6:3-5 for the first time. Do you think you would have accepted God's strategy and believed His promise? Check some of the other references in the outline, using Isaiah 55:8-9 and 2 Corinthians 1:20 as your anchor points.

Wednesday. God gives victory through faith that readily and totally obeys Him. Read chapter 6 listing all the commands God gave Joshua and Joshua gave to the people. Why is it difficult to obey God? to obey our spiritual leaders? What happens when people do not obey God and the leaders He has put in place?

Thursday. God gives victory through faith that patiently waits on Him without getting discouraged and relies on His timing. Review the chapter, identifying the evidence of Israel doing this. Why do you think "it is more important to gird ourselves for the grind of life than it is to throw ourselves into high gear only for the grandiose affairs of life?"

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we march forward into chapters 7 & 8. Read through this section as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.