

Text: Joshua 6:1–5 (NLT) *Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. But the LORD said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.”*

Introduction: Since You’ve Been Gone

I. Success Starts With Surrender

Joshua 5:13–14 (NLT) *When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, “Are you friend or foe?” “Neither one,” he replied. “I am the commander of the LORD’s army.” At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. “I am at your command,” Joshua said. “What do you want your servant to do?”*

II. An Invitation to Inherit Promise Was An Invitation to War

- A. The city gates were securely locked and warriors surrounded it
- B. “I have given you the city”
- C. God gives us promises that are worth fighting for
- D. Fight the good fight of faith

III. Modern Believer’s Fight a War in Our _____

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NLT) *We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.*

IV. Knowing When to Shut Up and When to Shout

- A. For six days they marched around Jericho without saying a word
- B. Looking at the circumstances produced thoughts that tempted them to verbalize fear
- C. God put the worshippers ahead of them
- D. For six days their eyes were focused on the presence of God and all they heard was the worship of the priests
- E. We need to learn to shut up fear
- F. We need to learn to shout when God is moving

V. While They Were in the Wilderness, _____ Were Being Built

- A. Wandering allows the enemy to create walls between you and God’s promises
- B. “Tear down this wall”
- C. Are there walls in your life?
- D. Walls are built by entertaining lies in our mind
- E. On the seventh day they rose early, their silence started to build faith in their heart
- F. On the seventh day they marched seven times gaining vision with each time around
- G. Rahab the Harlot was lived inside the walls, but rescued based on her profession of faith

VI. The Shout of Jericho Was the Product of a _____ Mind

Joshua 6:20 (NLT) *When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it.*

- A. People who have a vision of God’s promises are people of praise
- B. With God, the promise is not so much a possession, but a position where we rule and reign in life.

Conclusion: _____ Will Still Happen in the Place of Promise

Joshua 6:18–7:1 (NLT) *“Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury.” ...But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the LORD. A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things, so the LORD was very angry with the Israelites.*

- A. Tearing down your walls will not keep the enemy from coming back
- B. Walls of faith must be built in their place
- C. Achan steals things that belonged to God
- D. Israel loses their next battle because of Achan’s sin