

STAY CLOSE #6

DEUT 6:3; JOSHUA 1:7-9

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SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE

SLIDE 2 – STAY CLOSE – PROMISE & PRESENCE – 2022

- Not a fearful “stay close” THINK: invitation to *dwell* (the shadow of Most High)
 - Covenant = PROMISE – “**this is how things will always be between us**”
 - Upheld by the good will, good name, & power of the greater party
- God’s PROMISES (Who He is, what He does;) & PRESENCE (never leave you)

SLIDE 3 – LEARNING TO TRUST

- Post-exodus, post-desert wandering Israel: identity culture, values, Torah/law
- YHWH – LORD God: **Exodus 6** – “I will be Your God & you will be My people”
 - IMPOSSIBLE TASKS – In order to enter & take possession of the Land – must displace the Nephilim, Anakim, Rephaim, & other “-ites”
 - Can’t do it in their own strength; only if they ‘stay close’ & follow God

SLIDE 4 – FOR vs. FROM VICTORY

- God’s promise: He will go WITH & BEFORE us – will drive them ALL out
 - No matter what they face, God will give them the victory
- Not fighting FOR victory – (UNCERTAINTY, as if it is in doubt)
- Fighting FROM victory – (PEACE – it is already decided)
- **Joshua 6** – LORD to Josh – “I’ve **given** Jericho into your hand” FROM vs. FOR
 - *WHILE/AS God is going before Israel, they’re instructed to walk His way*

SLIDES 5-8 – DEUTERONOMY 6:3/JOSHUA 1:7-9

SLIDE 9 – JUST DO IT *BE CAREFUL TO DO ALL...

- Translated “be careful to obey” Literally – “be careful to *DO*” or “just do it”
- Walk in God’s Ways (paths, roads) because they lead to blessing –
 - Inherent blessing attached to staying close to YHWH – Lord God’s ways
 - Repetitive theme – *learn to walk in God’s ways; pathway of/to LIFE*
 - E.g. Cheat codes for video games – this is how you get ahead
 - **Deut 8:3** – *Invitation to rely on ‘every word from mouth of God’*
 - **Prov 3:5,6** – *trust in Lord w/all heart; don’t lean on own understanding...*

SLIDE 10 – STEP BY STEP: JERICHO

- 1st Canaanite city – a stronghold, surrounded by legendary defensive walls
 - Approx. 13’ H x 5’ W – no easy targets; Israel not warrior people yet

- Joshua 6 – LORD to Josh – “I’ve **given** Jericho into your hand” FROM vs. FOR
- **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS** → on HOW Israel will move forward with ‘attack’ –

SLIDE 11 – EMBRACE THE PROCESS

- The marching around cities in silence while blowing shofars attack **method IS** NOT the focus of this account/story
- **PRINCIPLES vs. METHODS** – Walk this way; be careful to DO all you’re told –
 - Step-by-step: DO all YHWH LORD God commanded is the focus –
- The PROCESS is JUST DO IT – what He says IN this situation, FOR this situation
 - Vs. making a set of static procedures “this is how we ALWAYS do this”
 - E.g. Moses & the Rock – hit the rock vs. speak to the rock → water

SLIDE 12 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- What do we see in this account?
- What do we take away as the ‘point’? Application?
- How does this affect me/us today? Any lessons/insights/instructions for me?
 - Hermeneutics/biblical interpretation – personal application isn’t the **STARTING** point, but it does need to be considered

SLIDE 13 – FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Acknowledging the Lord in ALL THINGS – Master & Lord
 - Vs. inviting God to endorse/help me (commander of Lord’s army)
 - Mission Dei vs. the Missio Louie

SLIDE 14 – PROVERBS 3:5,6

- Trust in the Lord w/all your heart; DO NOT lean on your own understanding; in ALL your ways submit to Him; He will make your paths straight
 - Submit to – KNOW, acknowledge, recognize, etc...

SLIDE 15 – PSALM 139:23,24 - PRAYER

- Start/end the day with invitation to HS to search heart

SLIDE 16 – STAY CLOSE – 2022

- Stay close to Jesus
- Be flexible/open to God-directed change
- Be prepared – when God says “Get ready”
- Be strong & very courageous – God is WITH us
- Be careful to obey all we know to obey