

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Destroying Strongholds: GOD WINS”

“Peace of Mind: Winning the Battle for Your Mind” – Pt. 7

Joshua 6:1-20 and Selected

STRONGHOLD –

A consuming problem, belief, condition, or dark thought that is seen as overpowering and unchangeable.

Strongholds Can Be Destroyed...

I. When I humble myself before the one who holds victory in His hands!

“And he said, ‘No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to Him, ‘What does my lord say to his servant?’” Joshua 5:14

II. When I cease believing the lies I tell myself!

“For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

III. When my dependence is upon God’s power and presence above all else!

See Joshua 6:1-13

IV. When I implement God’s strategy for victory.

Unchanging Facts when Facing Strongholds:

1. I must believe God is able!

“And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.’” Vs. 1

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.” Hebrews 11:30

See Matthew 9:27-31 and Mark 9:14-24

2. I must discipline myself for victory!

“But Joshua commanded the people, ‘You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout.’” Vs. 10

See 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

3. I must patiently allow God’s plan to unfold!

“On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of the day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times.”

Vs. 15

4. I must exercise faith in full dependence upon God!

“So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.” Vs. 20

5. I must obediently finish the task and honor God when I experience victory!

“And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.” Vs. 24

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13