

## **Sunday School Stories: The Walls of Jericho**

Last week we spoke about Peter,  
Today I want to talk about The Walls of Jericho.

### **Joshua 6 1-16 ESV**

#### The Fall of Jericho

1 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.

3 You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days.

4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him."

6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

7 And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

8 And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them.

9 The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually.

10 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."

11 So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

12 Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually.

14 And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned to the camp. So they did for six days.

15 On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of 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.

16 And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

Let's look at the first point

## 1. Obedience in God Matters

If they didn't listen and follow God's instructions. They would have either walked away or even worse gotten into bigger trouble.

Obedience MATTERS!

To this day!

Living according to God's way rather than ours makes a huge difference.

. We find encouragement from this narrative to be obedient to God and the assurance that obedience will result in blessing

### **Luke 11:28 ESV**

28 But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

How many of us would think that would be crazy?

God is telling you, You want that house. Go walk around it 7 times and blow a horn. And it will be yours?

In this Economy I WILL TRY it just because

But on a serious note.

Would you do it ?

We may not Like what he tells us to do.

It may be crazy

But we must stay obedient

We listen to other people and things rather than God

We listen to teachers, We listen to our GPS,  
We obey what Simon says. Otherwise you will be out.

We listen to Pastors?  
But we don't listen to God.

It reminds me of something that happened to me this week.

## “Story about Lady at the Mural”

This was an act of obedience,  
If i would have sent someone over to the warehouse,  
I would have never have had that interaction with  
The lady.

## 2. Patience

Can we talk about patience?

Who is Patient here?

Not many of us of are patient

**Romans 12:12 ESV**

12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

The Israelites could have just walked around the walls of Jericho 7 times the first time

The Israelites could have just tried to fight their way instantly

We need to wait on the Lord.

**Isaiah 40:31 ESV**

31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint..

Waiting on the Lord deepens our faith, increases our trust in Him, and while we wait with faith, God will certainly transform and renew us.

### 3. God breaks down our strongholds

16 And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city.

In today's modern day, we can see the wall of Jericho as our promised land

Those walls are our strongholds. What are your walls?

Is it an addiction?

Is it Money?

Is it being a workaholic?

Pride, anxiety, self esteem,

As we walk around our Jericho, We need to remember:

### 4. Obedience in God matters



What is he telling us to do today to break down  
the wall?

Run? Walk? Give up your lifestyle?

Stop listening to secular music?

Read the bible more.

## 1. Patience

For Joshua it took The Israelites 40 years and  
then 7 days to walk around Jericho to conquer it.  
It may be shorter for you, it may be longer for  
you.

It may be just by yourself with God

It may be the whole village here at the peak

Sometimes it may involve a wrecking ball. But  
guess what , you have to learn how to drive one  
first.

Some may be easy and some may be Hard.

## 2. God always fulfills his promises

God promised the Israelites this land. The fall of the walls of Jericho is a grand reminder that God fulfills what He promises. A huge amount of time passed between when God initially promised the land to the Israelites, and when they actually came to enter and claim that land. Regardless of how much time passes, God will always make good on His promises. We can trust that God is faithful to His promises and be at peace while we wait for a promise to come to pass.

### **Ezekiel 12:28 NIV**

28 “Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign Lord.’”

We know God fulfills His promises,  
But I can tell you one thing; You need to put in the  
work!

Be obedient! Get off that couch.

# Communion

Bread:

Jesus said - "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

## Partake in the Bread

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NKJV)

Cup:

25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Partake in the Cup

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.