

**TRUE VIRTUE—3
WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP**

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

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Opening Prayer - Blessing of Contributions -

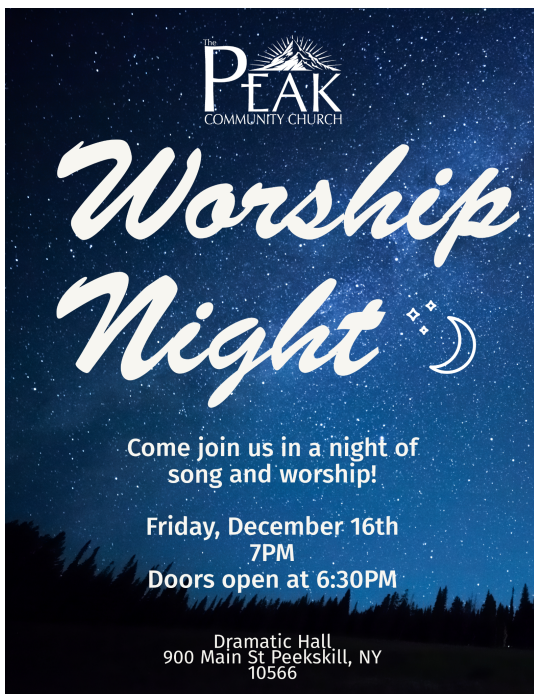
10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

Operation Christmas Box: 92 Boxes

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Worship Night: Friday 12/16 doors open 6:30



virtue: a: conformity to a standard of right : MORALITY

b: a particular moral excellence

2 : a beneficial quality or power of a thing

3 : manly strength or courage : VALOR

We've discussed HONOR & Integrity in **TRUE VIRTUES** - *Next week we'll discuss Gratitude & have communion*

(Keys) Talk to those today who feel like quitting—Throwing in towel.

Marriage—Dream—Ministry—Kids—Addict—Salvation—Life.
You've tried. Prayed. Believed—Feel like you've got nothing left.

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”

Heb 10:35-37

Just a little while—God rarely early—Never late.

Title—When You Feel Like Giving Up—

Opening Prayer (Keys stop)

Good news—Those who know God has more 4 u—Tired settling less.

Resource—Angela Duckworth studied at Harvard & Oxford

Why do successful people succeed?

- West Point Military—1st quit—Last drop out (screen)
- Teachers toughest school districts—Which last/thrive?
- National Spelling Bee—Endure stress, last?

- Most important quality wasn't (IQ)—Intelligence Quotient
- Most important quality was (AQ)—Adversity Quotient

Book “**Grit** is passion and perseverance for long term goals.”

Not just perseverance semester—Raising child special needs

Serving J w/chronic illness—

Showing up—Easier walk away.

6th book. 6th chapter. **Phrase SF Sermon**—Credit—Copied (Yes)

Title—Insights from text—**Don't Stop on 6**—(Childbearing)

God had promised his people Jericho—Hadn't take hold yet.

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. ² But the LORD said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. ³ You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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.” Joshua 6:1-5 NLT ([Back Screen](#))

WHY DO WE GIVE UP? (2)

1) Our perspective is often limited.

Ancient Jericho

Towns became bigger as their populations increased. This made their architecture and urban planning more complex and they required more space to expand. The possibility of storing food surpluses meant that part of the population quit agricultural activities to devote their time to other things. Artisans, priests, traders... The wealth of flourishing cities attracted greed of the nomadic tribes and forced their inhabitants to build protective walls around their cities. This was the case of Jericho, in the West Bank, Palestine. With a history of more than 11,000 years, this was the first fortified city known ever and, up to the present day, it is considered the first city in history.

Jericho, the first one

Natufian hunter groups settled in this spot in 12,000 BC before it became the city of Jericho. Towards 9,400 BC, the settlement had more than 70 houses with around a thousand inhabitants and something unprecedented; a 3.5m high and almost 2m thick wall and a stone tower that reached a height of 8.5 m.

7000 BC
The round houses made with adobe, similar to igloos, were substituted by rectangular ones. Sanctuaries and ovens appeared.

Glory and collapse

The apparition of the Canaanites implied changes in house planning. This people absorbed the original culture and took Jericho to its most glorious times. According to archeological records, the city was destroyed by 1500 BC to be re-founded in the 9th century BC.

Houses
They had stone foundations, clay brick structure, 50 cm width walls and the roofs were covered with a mixture of reeds and clay.

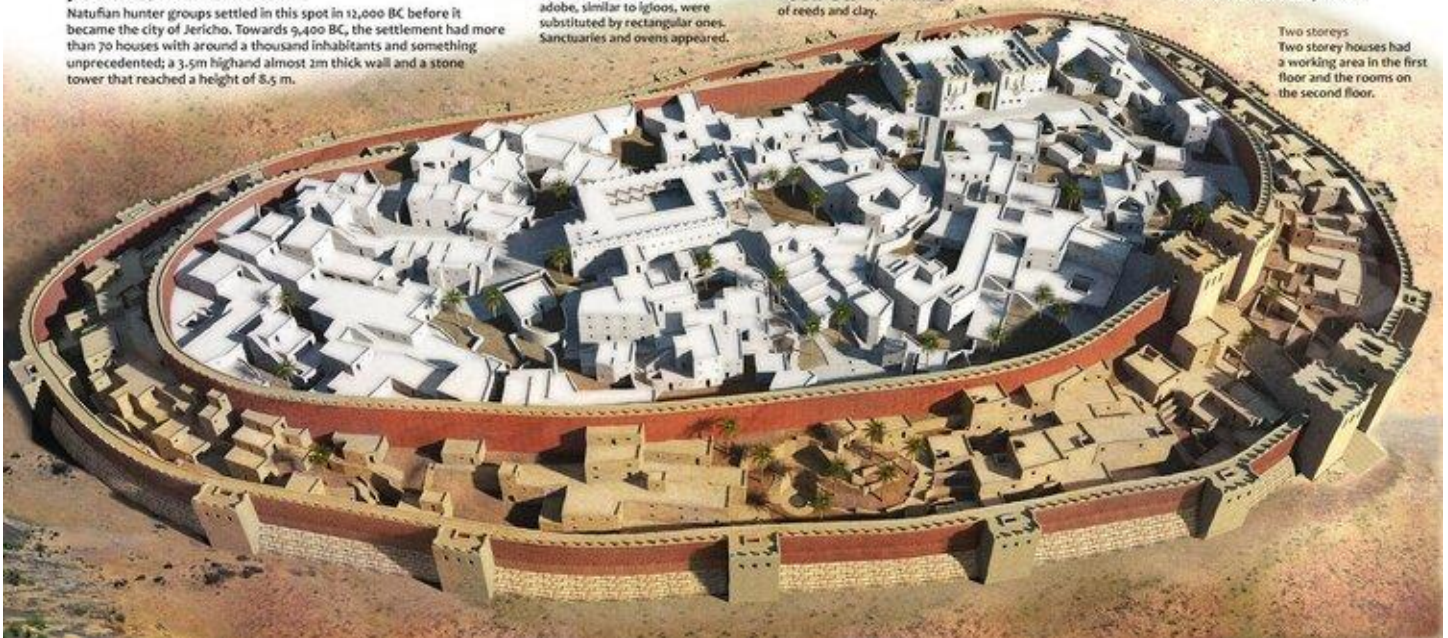
Courtyards
The buildings usually had a 7 metre square courtyard used to cook and preventing smoke from entering inside the house.

Double fortification
Similar to medieval fortifications, these were 3 m wide and more than 4 m high by 1700 BC. They were reconstructed at least 15 times.

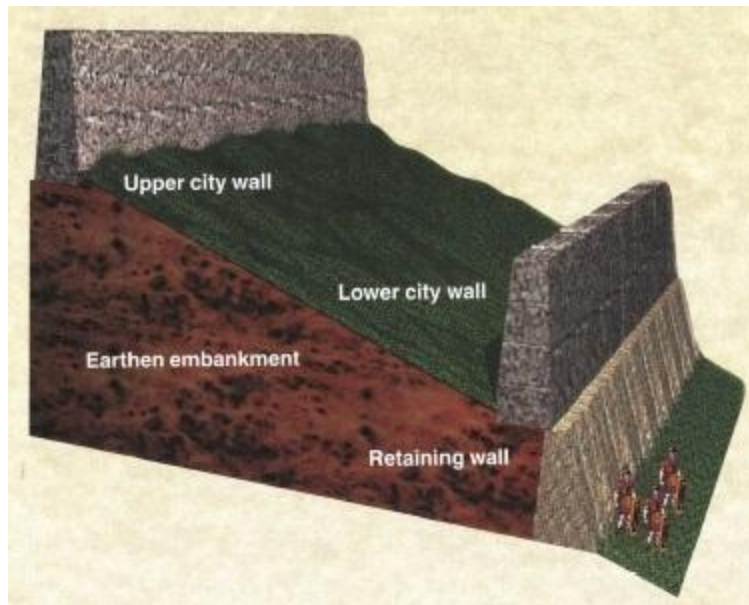
Resources
There is evidence of cultivated plants and possible sheep breeding since 7220 BC. There was a water canal system.

The Jordan River
Jericho was favored by the river and trade. Its walls became thicker and were surrounded by a moat.

Two storeys
Two storey houses had a working area in the first floor and the rooms on the second floor.



Jericho not a very big city. March around it in about an hour. (Jericho)
Problem wasn't that city was big—Problem walls were high.



Israelites so close to the promise—Walls—Felt unobtainable!

Maybe you can relate—Know—What you want—Where want be

All you see—Walls—Problems—Obstacles!

(Get out debt—Breaks) (Family church—Cuss running late)

Mend broken relation— take out to dinner —Shouting match.

(Security Applebees) (limited Perspective)

- V1—Jericho securely barred—No one gets in!
- V2—God says, “I’ve given you Jericho.”

God is the only one—Speak in past-tense b4 present-reality.

Only one who can tell you what is—When what is—isn’t yet.

Wonder if you have some area of life?

What he says is different than what you see?

- Says you are healed—Feel broken.
- Says he'll bless you—Feels like he's forgotten you.
- Says you're an overcomer—Feel overcome! Too much!

Why?

Persp limited—

Like Israelites marching—Don't know end story.

—Spoiler alert—(7 laps)—Walls fall—

Wasn't just 7-day hike—More than 40 yrs wandering wilderness.

More to it—Look on & see someone's success!

Don't know—Price paid—Pain endured.

Can't imagine—Private battles—Personal sacrifices.

Why do we give up?

- 1. Our perspective is often limited.**
- 2. Our progress isn't always obvious**

¹⁰ *But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you*

to shout. Then shout!”¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there...¹⁴ So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. Josh 6:10-11, 14 (Screen)

Imagine frustration—Not just 6 days something seemed pointless.

Decades waiting—Trusting—Trained 4 battle—Ready for war.

All they got to do.... Go on a walk! Morning stroll.

Back camp—Wife texts, “Warrior, how’s battle? Kill bad guys?”

Getting warmed up—Loosening muscles—working on our core

Cool—God had given them some encouragement each day!

Video game—New level music—With every lap, 1/7 wall fall!

Level - up

We can handle process—As long as we see some progress!

Fight for marriage—As long as there’s hope!

Keep paying down debt—Know you can eventually be free.

Eating good—As long as you Look good on beach!

Not only do not see progress—Joshua tells them *not talk*.

Don't give a war cry—Don't raise your voices—Don't say a word.

Why do you think Joshua kept them from talking?

Knew sometimes *your mouth is your worst enemy*.

Can't—Never—Bad—Worse!

Tell yourself—*Shut up and keep marching*.

Shut up—Trusting, Praying, Loving, Forgiving, Show up!

Interesting—God told Joshua process take 7 days.

Joshua never told the people how long they'd be marching.

As far as they knew—They were in a marching band.

Frustrating—When you are doing right—No end in sight.

**So much easier to Honor God, To walk w/ INTEGRITY,
to PERSERVE— Know how long before prize!**

- Stay pure 2 more years— Send me a spouse! (Hottie/body) 2 Months
- Endure spouse's depression—Heal by Xmas.
- Take the pain—*Know there's a payoff.*

(Keys) In Struggle –*Building faith*—Teaching them depend on Him.

- **God often does something in you before he does something for you.**

Personal—Tempted quit—Remember why started

Throw in the towel or pick up and wipe sweat.

- **whenever you are tempted to quit, it's always good to remember why you started**

Talk to someone who's been faithful for a long time.
Been Trusting. Praying. Believing.

You may be closer than you think!

Florence Chadwick 1st woman swim English Channel both ways.

Florence Chadwick



(Photo)

1952—Chadwick decided attempt 26-mile swim between California Coastline & Catalina Island.

15 hours into swim—Thick fog clouded vision/confidence.
Exhausted—Discouraged—Quit. (Shore less than ½ mile away)

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³⁶ *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.* Hebrews 10:36

You've been walking, praying, fighting, believing.
Lap 1... Lap 2... Lap 3... (Some of you, on lap 6, Don't know it.)

About to give up on marriage, ministry, kids, God.
No idea—You're on lap 6—**Don't Stop on 6!**

Closer than you think you are!

When you are ready to quit—Remember why you started!

Throw in the towel—Pick it up—Wipe off sweat—Fight!

⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal 6:9

Closing Prayer - Persevere

If this was the 1st time that you really dedicated yourself to Jesus... Recognize Him as NOT only your Savior.... But also, your KING...

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The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!