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Faith

and the Privilege of Obedience

The Story of When the Walls of Jericho Fell Down Hebrews 11:30

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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down...” - Hebrews 11:30

“When Faith Marches, Walls Fall!” - Chuck Swindoll

A. Faith and Obedience

1. FAITH HEARS God's Voice.

Joshua 6:2, NASB95 - ² The LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king *and* the valiant warriors.”

“Obedience is not God burdening you—it is you listening to God inviting you into His plan. Obedience is not the weight of God on your shoulders—it is the whisper of God inviting you into His purposes.

Listen to Him!”

- Alexander Maclaren

2. FAITH TRUSTS God when it doesn't make sense.

Joshua 6:3–5, NASB95 - ³ “You shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. ⁴ Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ It shall be that

when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead.”

“God often uses methods that make no sense to human reasoning—because He wants the glory.” - Ray Steadman

3. FAITH OBEYS God.

Joshua 6:8, NASB95 - ⁸ And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken to the people...[they obeyed].

“Your daily obedience—even when nothing changes—is the privilege of walking with God step by step... God put Israel in a situation where obedience—not strength—was the only path forward.”

- Alexander Maclaren

4. FAITH SEES God do the impossible.

Joshua 6:20, NLT - ²⁰ 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.

“When your Jericho falls, the future God promised opens before you.”

- Warren W. Wiersbe

B. Your Jericho

1. Everybody has a Jericho.

2. Faith listens to God's Word—so “Just Listen” to God.

3. Faith obeys even with it doesn't make sense.

4. Faith persists even when nothing changes.

5. Faith acts when God says *act*.

6. Faith gives God the glory.

“Obedience in one victory prepares the heart for obedience in the next.”

- Jon Courson

Faith Hears • Faith Trusts • Faith Obeys • Faith Sees