

# 10/12/25 Message

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Part of Journey of Faith

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## Message: Overcoming Obstacles

### Series: Journey of Faith

## Overview

- The Christian life involves challenge and conflict whether we like it or not
- The world, the flesh, and the devil are united against Christ and His people
  - Ephesians 2:1-3
- A main theme of the Bible is God's holy warfare against Satan and sin
  - Genesis 3:15; Revelations 19:11-21; Colossians 2:13-15
- If we ignore the spiritual battle, we lose the victory

## Joshua 6

- Tells the story of an obstacle - JERICHO
  - The decision to be made (to continue or to run away)
  - Israel's victory at Jericho illustrates principles of spiritual conflict and victory that we can use
- Responses to crossroads
  - We plan and hope to succeed
  - We plan and ask God to bless it
  - We ask God to plan, then we do what He tells us to do <- (Godly response)
  - Option 3 is the pray and obey

## Overcoming Obstacles

- Communication (vv1-2)
  - Joshua spoke to God and God spoke to Joshua

- God provides strength, comfort, and hope
- Let communicating with God be your first plan of attack, not your last resort
- Compliance (vv6-7)
  - Joshua complied with the plan of God
  - Joshua transitioned from just talking to action
  - God used Joshua because he had faith and he would obey
- Confidence (vv20-21)
  - Rams horn in Hebrew is jubilee
  - Biblical numerology, 7 represents completeness or perfection and comes from the root word meaning to be full or satisfied
  - God will finish what He started

## **Joshua's Instructions**

- Devote the entire city to God (vv17-19)
- Rescue Rahab and her family (v26)
- Destroy the people (v21)
- Burn the city (v24)
- After the victory, give God the glory (Hebrews 11:30)

It takes a journey of faith to overcome obstacles!