

Sermon Listening Guide (September 28, 2025)

Scripture: Joshua 6

Sermon Title: “Onward and Upward”

First Thoughts

The stories from the Bible we learned as children still matter to us as adults. The “Children of Israel” and the falling walls of Jericho is one of our Christian family stories.

The Battle is the Lord’s (Joshua 6:1-5)

In verse 2, God told Joshua that the city of Jericho was already conquered even though still walled.

God gave Joshua a detailed plan for how to see the city destroyed.

At Jericho, God did not need fighting men as much as he needed men of faith.

We are anxious over many struggles that the Lord is already handling.

Our focus should be on God for every matter.

The Obedience of the People (Joshua 6:6-11)

As God commanded, the priests and people humbly and quietly marched around Jericho.

While there were more conventional ways to conquer Jericho, their faith was great.

Hebrews 11:30 tells us faith destroyed the walls of Jericho.

The 7-day procession around Jericho may have been a worship service.

which commandments of God make no sense to you?

A life of faith is a life of obedience.

Inside the City (Joshua 6:15-25)

When the victory was complete, the spoils of war were devoted to the Lord.

Is verse 21 troubling to you? Why would God command this?

While most of the inhabitants were killed, not all were put to the sword.

Rahab’s faith and obedience saved her and her family.

Those that repent and place their faith in God will be saved.

Final Thoughts

We must follow God’s calling, even when it makes no sense.