

## **Courageous Faith**

### **Part 5—Success in the Battle, Conquering the Opposition**

*Joshua 1:8-9—<sup>8</sup>Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (NIV)*

- God was telling Joshua to put Him first and then he would be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

#### **1. Preliminary Steps to the Conquest.**

- First—Check out the \_\_\_\_\_
  - The spies came back and gave the good news, “Jericho is \_\_\_\_\_ of our God!”
- Second—They stepped out in \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua 3:5-6—<sup>5</sup>Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” <sup>6</sup>Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people.” So, they took it up and went ahead of them. (NIV)*

- The last step—Receiving the \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua 5:13-15—<sup>13</sup>Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” <sup>14</sup> “Neither,” he*

*replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” <sup>15</sup>The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so. (NIV)*

- The Commander of the Lord’s army is \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua 6:2-5—<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. <sup>3</sup>March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. <sup>4</sup>Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. <sup>5</sup>When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse, and the people will go up, every man straight in. (NIV)*

#### **2. The Conquest and Beyond.**

- Joshua didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ he simply obeyed God

*Joshua 6:20-21—<sup>20</sup>When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so, every man charged straight in, and they took the city. <sup>21</sup>They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, and donkeys. (NIV)*

- When you follow God’s plan you will be \_\_\_\_\_
- Joshua conquered Canaan section by section—  
\_\_\_\_\_ in all

- Before Joshua died he reminded them . . .
  - God had called \_\_\_\_\_ from the land “beyond the river” and that He had promised to give this land to Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants
  - That God had called \_\_\_\_\_ to lead them out of Egypt
  - And that it was God who \_\_\_\_\_ for them in the conquest of Canaan
- This history reminded the Israelites that God was \_\_\_\_\_ and had \_\_\_\_\_ what He had promised

*Joshua 24:15b & 18b—<sup>15</sup>. . . But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. <sup>18</sup>. . . We too will serve the LORD because He is our God. (NIV)*

- Total \_\_\_\_\_ to God is the first step to complete and total victory

### **Action Step . . .**

- I surrender all