

## Joshua Lesson 8 – Conquest Begins (Joshua 6)

### I. BEFORE THE CHALLENGE

#### You Fight \_\_\_\_\_ Victory, Not for Victory

Israel wasn't fighting *to win*—God declared the victory *before* the battle began.

#### A. You Fight from a Position of Victory (Joshua 6:1–5)

- Jericho was tightly shut because of Israel.
- God told Joshua that He had already **given** the city into their hands.
- Jesus has already \_\_\_\_\_ every spiritual enemy.
- Victory doesn't depend on us—it depends on God.
- We fight from a place of confidence, not fear.

#### B. Factors of Fighting from Victory

##### 1. The Fear of the Lord

- Canaan consisted of small city-states (Jericho  $\approx$  8 acres).
- Not everyone lived inside the walls—Jericho had two fortified walls.
- News of Israel's victories put the people in a state of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rahab confirmed the people's fear (Joshua 2).
- Even nations feared the spiritual strength of God's people.
- Does society still fear the church's \_\_\_\_\_ today?
- Israel inspired fear because they depended on the Lord.

##### 2. The Promise of the Lord (Joshua 6:2)

- God promised victory—Israel just needed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our victory comes when we \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and live by His promises.
- Faith comes by hearing the Word (Romans 10:17).
- Christ has overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.
- We live in victory when we believe what God has already declared.

##### 3. The Instructions of the Lord (Joshua 6:3–5)

- God's plan was unusual, even \_\_\_\_\_ to human strategy.
- Jericho would fall by obedience, not by military force.
- March around the city six days; seven times on the seventh day.
- Seven priests, seven trumpets, seven days → completion/perfection.
- Trumpets used were ram's horns—symbols of \_\_\_\_\_.

- They were not declaring \_\_\_\_\_ on Jericho.
- The Ark symbolized God's \_\_\_\_\_—He was leading the battle.
- God often uses “foolish” things to display His power.

## II. DURING THE CHALLENGE

### You Overcome the Enemy by Faith

#### A. Faith in Action (Joshua 6:6–16, 20)

- The priests led with the Ark.
- The people marched daily in obedience.
- Faith is not believing without \_\_\_\_\_—Israel had seen God's power.
- Israel believed and \_\_\_\_\_ God, even without seeing results for seven days.
- Faith invites God's presence and ensures His victory.

#### B. Faith Requires Patient Obedience

- Silence tested their self-control.
- Impatience was one of Israel's weaknesses; God was shaping them.
- To control the tongue is to control the whole \_\_\_\_\_ (James 3:2).
- “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).
- God is never early and never late—faith waits on His timing.

#### C. Faith Results in Victory

- On the seventh day: trumpet blast + shout → wall fell \_\_\_\_\_.
- God cleared every obstacle so the soldiers could advance straight ahead.
- God specializes in doing what we cannot do.
- Faith conquers the challenges we face today.

## III. AFTER THE CHALLENGE

### Obey God's Commands and Give Him the Glory

God gave clear instructions to guard the people spiritually.

#### A. Four Commands for Israel

##### 1. Devote the Entire City to God

- Everything in Jericho belonged to the Lord—the \_\_\_\_\_ fruits of Canaan.
- Soldiers usually kept the spoils, but not this time.

- Disobedience (Achan) would cost the entire nation dearly.

## 2. Rescue Rahab and Her Family

- Her house remained standing when the walls fell.
- Rahab's family was brought \_\_\_\_\_ the camp at first because of ceremonial uncleanness.
- God always provides a way for those who trust Him.

## 3. Destroy the People

- Canaanite culture was deeply \_\_\_\_\_.
- Their moral corruption threatened Israel's purity.
- God had given them centuries to repent—Rahab's family did.
- The lesson: do not compromise with \_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. Burn the City

- Burning the city removed the temptation to adopt pagan gods.
- God is a \_\_\_\_\_ God—He will not share His people with idols.
- Joshua pronounced a curse on anyone who rebuilt Jericho.
- Victory belongs to God, not to human strength.

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## KEY QUOTES

- **Wiersbe:** "The only way to grow in faith is to accept new challenges and trust God to give you victory."
- **Andrew Bonar:** "Let us be as watchful after the victory as before the battle."

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## ANSWER KEY

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| 1. FROM         | 12. TRUSTED  |
| 2. DEFEATED     | 13. PATIENCE |
| 3. PANIC        | 14. BODY     |
| 4. INFLUENCE    | 15. FLAT     |
| 5. OBEDIENCE    | 16. FIRST    |
| 6. KNOW         | 17. OUTSIDE  |
| 7. FOOLISH      | 18. WICKED   |
| 8. CELEBRATIONS | 19. SIN      |
| 9. WAR          | 20. JEALOUS  |
| 10. EVIDENCE    |              |
| 11. PRESENCE    |              |