

<sup>1</sup> Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. <sup>3</sup> You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. <sup>4</sup> Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.” – **Joshua 6:1-5**

1. PATTERNS determine POTENTIAL.

2. PATTERNS are tied to God's PROMISES.

3. PATTERNS unleash God's POWER.

<sup>16</sup> And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.”... <sup>20</sup> So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.  
– **Joshua 6:16,20**

4. In the MARCHING, God is MOVING.

5. FAITHFULNESS leads to FRUITFULNESS.

## DIGGING DEEPER

### PHILIPPIANS 2:5-13

- As Christians (those who belong to Jesus Christ), who should we imitate (**v. 5**)? How do we do this?
- **Verse 6** says that Jesus “did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped.” The original Greek word for “grasped” implies something that is claimed by force. Why would Jesus have been right to claim His Lordship by force? Why is this a terrifying thought? What did Jesus do instead (**v. 7-8**)?
- Will Jesus ever forcefully claim His Lordship over all creation (**v. 9-11**)? Why do you think this is emphasized so strongly (see **Isaiah 45:23**, **Romans 14:11-12**; **Revelation 1:7**, and **Revelation 5:13**)?
- What does it mean to “work out your salvation” (**v. 12**)? Many people think of salvation as a milestone—a single event of accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. Yet, this seems to imply that salvation involves a process. What does this mean? How do you live out this process (there may be clue in the first half of **v. 12**)?
- We are called to imitate Jesus. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus had certain “customs,” including reading Scripture and going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day (**Luke 4:16**) and praying (**Luke 22:39**). How do you develop similar customs in your own life? How do consistent patterns of discipleship help you “work out your salvation”?
- Why should we have confidence as we “work out our salvation” (**v. 13**)? What are the two ways that this verse says God helps us?