

# Battle Cry of the Church

## Shouting Your Walls Down

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### Introduction

In the battle of Jericho, recorded in Joshua 6, God miraculously moved in favor of the Children of Israel by giving them a mighty victory. By positioning and preparing themselves for battle, their breakthrough came through as they let out a shout of praise. We can experience the same when we follow God's process for breakthrough.

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### Barriers to the Promises of God

Logically, the defeat of Jericho was not a guaranteed victory. The enemy had time to prepare for the imminent attack by the Children of Israel. A fight would ensue. They were what stood, as a barrier, between where they were and the promises of God for their lives.

Limitations do not have to hinder us. They can come down! The story of Jericho provides the process needed for walls to come down in our lives.

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### The Process of Praising Our Way to a Breakthrough

1. **WALLS COME DOWN WHEN WE CENTER OUR LIVES AROUND JESUS (MATTHEW 6:33; JOSHUA 5:13-15; LUKE 17:20-21; EXODUS 3:5).**

The Lord gave Joshua the order in which they were to march into battle. The formation was soldiers, priests with trumpets, the Ark of the Covenant, and more soldiers. The key to their success was Jesus being in the middle of it all.

When Jesus is the center of our lives, our lives will be in proper alignment. Receiving a revelation of who Jesus is positions us to move forward into whatever God has for us. Such dedication to Jesus is an act of praise itself.

2. **WALLS COME DOWN WHEN WE OBEDIENTLY FOLLOW JESUS (PHILIPPIANS 2:8; HEBREWS 5:8; HEBREWS 11:30).**

Following Jesus in obedience positions us to experience God's promises. Obedience requires faith. Faith allows us to see God's mighty power in our lives.

Obedience is an act of praise as we humble ourselves in surrender to Jesus's will.

3. **WALLS COME DOWN WHEN WE RECOGNIZE THE MERCIES GIVEN TO US BY JESUS (JOHN 3:16; MATTHEW 18:12-14).**

Recognizing what Jesus has given us, through His mercies, reminds us of how good God is. Throughout the story of Jericho the mercies of God are evident. God showed mercies to the Children of Israel, the inhabitants of Jericho, and to Rahab and her family.

Recognizing the mercies of God is an act of praise that results in our lives reflecting our gratitude.

#### **4. WALLS COME DOWN WHEN WE RELEASE PRAISES TO JESUS.**

Centering, obeying, and recognizing are all acts that when combined with praise culminate with walls coming down in our lives. It is when these three elements are in place that we are able to let out a battle cry and shout our way to victory.

Joshua 6:20 tells us that as the soon as the people shouted the walls collapsed. Then the people were able to charge the town and capture it.

Shouts of praise broke the stronghold that held the Children of Israel back. When we offer proper praise to the Lord there is a stirring in the spirit realm.

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## **Conclusion**

As we position and prepare ourselves for a breakthrough we do so from a unique perspective. We must realize that the Lord has already won the battle before we fight. After positioning ourselves through centering, obeying, and recognizing the only other thing we can do is praise Him until the breakthrough comes.