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Scripture Reading

Joshua 6:1-2 (NKJV)

1 Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.
2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.

Introduction

As children of God, we are given the Scriptures so that we may now how to walk in obedience to God. Not merely to do what we think is godly in our eyes, but to follow God's instructions, even if they seem strange. Israel had to learn these lessons in real time, and we too must learn and adjust our posture, our alignment with His Word so that we can discover His will for our lives.

What Have We Learned So Far?

- Sometimes the impossibility or improbability is by design
 - Ask Abraham & Sarah
 - Ask Noah
 - Ask Gideon
 - Ask Moses
 - Present Company (Joshua)
 - Ask anyone called to do something only God could help them do

- Israel's bravery and skills only became useful after God had told them that they had already won
- They had to apply their courage towards Obedience and not directly to their Opps
- In supernatural warfare, the targets are selected differently.
 - When you think the devil is attacking your kids, his real target is your confidence in God and your faith
 - Job 1:8-12 (NKJV) 8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" 9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!" 12 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.
- Complete reliance on the Holy Spirit to win
- 2 Chronicles 20:15 (NKJV) 15 And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.
- All of the glory goes to GOD
 - 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (NKJV) 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
 - Romans 8:18 (NKJV) 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- In this case, there were 3 walls that needed to come down
 1. _The confidence of your enemies_
 - ◆ For Israel, this wall had already started to tumble down because the enemy saw the results of the Hand of the Lord on them
 - ◆ Even in their wandering, God continued to give them provision, protection and victories
 - ◆ Joshua 2:8-11 Rahab revealed Jericho's fear of Israel to the spies letting them know that this first wall was already down!
 - ◆ Be concerned when your opps are confident they can beat you
 2. _Your own self doubt and unbelief_
 - ◆ This is what held Israel back for 40yrs
 - ◆ Promises delayed or deferred often fall into this category
 - ◆ Like muscle memory, we default to usual modes to protect where we are weak and we defend that area that keeps us stuck in the harmful cycle of unbelief.
 - ◆ Mark 9:23-24 (NKJV) tells us of a father that had a demon possessed child and the child would often hurt himself and throw himself into fire
 - ◆ 23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

3. _The obstacle or objective itself_

- ◆ Our alignment with the Will of God and confidence in what He has said leads us to obey Him first.
- ◆ Then the final wall falls

3 Walls 7 Days

- The observation of these 3 walls (2 proverbial walls and 1 literal wall) and the 7 days references a divine order that
- In Hebrew Numerology
 - 3 speaks to divine fullness, wholeness and perfection
 - 7 speaks to completion, perfection and holiness