



Welcome!

SERIES: PLOT TWIST

Today's Message: Do This

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: You move mountains, you cause walls to fall. With your power, you perform miracles. There is nothing that's impossible. We're standing here, living here, breathing here because you O God have made a way. Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What is the greatest accomplishment that you've experienced with a team/group of people?

INTRODUCTION: Facing obstacles is a common part of all progress. It's not if we will face obstacles, it's when and how that really matter. At Jericho, the people of God had to decide whether they would continue the journey to where God had promised or stop where they were. Would they move forward in spite of the obstacles, or would they once again retreat into safety? Each of us will arrive at this same intersection. God has not placed us on the planet without purpose; God has a divine design for each of us. Yet as we follow God, difficulties will confront us. The example of Joshua teaches us how to overcome the obstacles that would paralyze us and make progress by the grace of God.

SCRIPTURE: Read Joshua 6:1-5

DISCUSSION:

1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today?
2. What promises did the LORD make to Israel in our text for today? What was their role in receiving what God had promised? What promises has God made to us? What's our role?
3. What instructions did the LORD give to the Israelites in regards to Jericho (Joshua 6:3-5)? What do you find to be significant in these instructions? Note: See v.4, *the Ark of the Covenant being in the midst of the plan is key.*
4. Admittedly, these instructions (v.3-5) from the LORD unusual. Why do you think the Israelites were willing to follow God's unusual plan? Have you ever felt led by God to do something unusual? How did you proceed?
5. If God had already determined that Jericho would fall (Joshua 6:2), then why did He tell Israel to go through all the marching and shouting? What does this tell us about faith? What kind of Jericho (barrier/walls) are you and our group/church facing right now? How is God's faithfulness revealed in Joshua 6 towards the Israelites give you hope in our circumstances?
6. Israel received "battle plans" from God that seemed odd and made little sense in the context of the world's ways. How could this speak to the situation you may face?

CHALLENGE: Pray for our church and our community to be unified like the Israelites were when they encountered the walls of Jericho. Pray about the walls and barriers in each of our lives, as well as

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walls that our church faces/will face. Pray for faith, God's provision, and our obedience and faithfulness.

SERVE: Pray over Joshua 6 this week. Praise God for the power to overcome whatever walls we face.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

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CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

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