

Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. If the desert is where you grow the most, what are helpful ways you stay faithful and patient in it?
2. Has there ever been a time in your life where you had peace in the middle of chaotic circumstances?
3. What are you attuned to? Would you be attentive if God tried to speak to you?

Shark-Infested Thinking – Breaking Free of Destructive Thought Patterns and Renewing Your Mind

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“Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.” Joshua 6:1-5 (NIV)

BARRIERS BLOCK OUR PERSPECTIVE

““I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?” Jeremiah 32:27 (NIV)

BARRIERS SEEM IMMOVABLE

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“When He (God) opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when He closes doors, no one will be able to open them.” Isaiah 22:22b (NLT)

- **START STEPPING OUT IN FAITH**

“Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.” Joshua 6:2 (NIV)

- **KEEP STEPPING IN FAITH EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE PROGRESS**

“And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord...So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.”
Joshua 6:7,11 (NIV)

- **KEEP BELIEVING UNTIL THE BARRIER FALLS**

“So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!” Joshua 6:14-16 (NIV)