

A little bit of history:

- Submission to the Lord as seen in verses 1-7
- Waiting on the Lord in verses 8-15
- Believing in the Lord, as seen in the concluding verses 16-27
- Woman who hid the spies in Jericho = Rahab
- The conquest of Canaan would take 20 years
- Joshua 4:6-7, what did the 12 men take up out of the dry river bed? Stones why? Shall be a memorial forever
- Commander of the army of the Lord = Jesus

Submission to the Lord

- Jericho was a double walled city that was about 8-10 acres in size. It would take about 30-45 minutes to walk around.
- Aspects that defy logic and the Law
 - Walk around the city exposed to enemy attack
 - Never bring the Ark into the Battle, not a lucky rabbits foot
 - Priests are not to enter into the battle
 - Priests blew Rams horns vs. The Silver horns
 - Don't travel or work on the Sabbath day
- It's believed that the conquest of Jericho took place on the Sabbath, and that Jesus was the one leading the attack

Waiting on the Lord

- Israel would circle the city once for 6 days seeing the impossibility of conquering the city by force. That their God would have to intercede on their behalf.
- Warren Wiersbe would put it this way, “When we accept God’s plan, we invite God’s presence, and that guarantees victory.”

Believing in the Lord

- The significance of the number 7 does not go unnoticed, biblically it indicates perfection and completion and that’s what we witness here.
- The city was a devoted thing to the Lord or Under the ban, indicating that this was the First-fruits of this conquest, or the offering that was reserved to the Lord.
- With all this destruction one may think that it would be hard to find Rahab but, her home would be the only section of wall still standing with that red cord blowing in the breeze.
- The beauty of God’s plan, Jesus (Messiah) would come from the line of this family who would be the only one who could redeem this family from the fate of death separated from God.
- How tragic that 500 years later during a wicked time in Israel this very curse would be fulfilled in 1Kings 16:34

What do we take away?

We don’t all have the same faith journey; we don’t all start at the same point, but we surely arrive at the same place the foot of the cross.