

Raised Voices — Flattened Walls

Series: Where the Promise Becomes a Reality

Text: *Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴ 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. ⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in. Joshua 6:2-5*

There always seems to be between us and the will and heart of God a Jericho — something that is holding us back from being the man or woman of God that we long to be.

The study of Jericho reveals principles of spiritual victory. . . .

1. Remember Who Is In Charge

- *And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" Joshua 13:13*
- Are we on the Lord's side or against Him?
- *... Apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

2. God's Methods are Not Man's Methods, But They are Always Right

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- Seek Him, not the method/formula.

3. Recognize the Importance of Increments

- Not every wall falls down the first time you march around it.
- Repetition of an act is a solid Biblical principle.
- *Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we reap if we faint not. Galatians 6:10*

4. There is a Time to Shout and a Time to be Quiet

- *Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout." Joshua 6:10*
- *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! Psalm 46:10*
- *When the ark of the Lord's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook. . . . 1 Samuel 4:5*

Celebrate Victory!!!