

Conquering Your Jericho!

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Scripture: Joshua 6:1-11; *New King James Version (NKJV)*

Supporting Scriptures: Exodus 3:5; Zechariah 4:6;

Deuteronomy 31:16; Joshua 4-5; Hebrews 11:30

Part 1: “By Unconventional Instructions”

Context: The book of Joshua comes on the heel of a new generation of leaders. It covers a period of about twenty-five years and describes one of the most memorable conquests in history.¹ After the death of Moses, God commissioned Joshua to lead the people to the Promise Land (see Joshua 1:4). However, to get to the Promised Land, Joshua had to first conquer Jericho, the gateway city to Canaan.

This book marks the fulfillment of God’s promise to Joshua (see Joshua 21:45), that He would be with him; that He would not leave him nor forsake him (see Joshua 1:5-9). Moreover, in the first chapter God repeatedly commands Joshua to be “strong and courageous four times. In his commentary recorded in *Precept Austin*, F. B. Meyers writes, “Joshua afflicted with his inadequacies and so charged here with courage and strength: It is when men are in this condition that God approaches them with the summons to undertake vast and overwhelming responsibilities.” Jensen writes, “These are clear commands, not subtle suggestions! This imperative which God issues to Joshua is a call to courageous, obedient leadership, and is based on the absolute certainty of God’s presence.”²

When Joshua and the mighty men of valor proceed to conquer Jericho, Joshua realizes that Jericho is more than a physical geographical location, but it is a crucial spiritual test of obedience. Therefore, success will require trusting God even when the directives were unconventional (see 6:7-11).

Beloved, it does not matter one’s spiritual maturity, for each of us must pass through Jericho to get to our Promise Land. And it is only by the Holy Spirit that we are given the divine power to overcome especially when God calls us to exhibit radical obedience and obey *unconventional* instructions.

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The Pull To Take Action

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. ³ You shall march around the city, all *you* men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. ⁴ And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

Compelled To Align With Divine Timing

⁵ It shall come to pass, when they make a long *blast* with the ram’s horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.” ⁶ Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the LORD.” ⁷ And He said to the people, “Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the LORD.”

Seeing Themselves As Agents Of Change

⁸ So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the LORD advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. ⁹ The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while *the priests* continued blowing the trumpets. ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD circle the city, going around *it* once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp.

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¹ https://www.preceptaustin.org/joshua_commentaries

² Ibid.