

JOSHUA: *presence. courage. action.*

Jericho Must Fall - Joshua 6:1-27

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And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor..."

- Joshua 6:2

I. TAKE A WALK (vss. 1-7)

- The Lord gives Joshua the plan of attack for Jericho. The plan is essentially walk quietly, then shout loudly.
- Notice the progressions of 7 here: 7 priests, 7 rams horns, 7 days, 7 times on the 7th day.

II. THEY TOOK A WALK (vss. 8-21)

- Joshua and the Israelites do as they are told. The waiting continues...
- When God does his part, the Israelites do theirs. The city is put to the sword and the plunder (almost all of it) is devoted over to the Lord (vss. 18-21).
- God's commands are clear: the first city to fall is the first fruits of the conquest - it belongs to God. Only one family is to be spared (vs. 17; Josh. 2:12-14).

III. REMEMBER RAHAB (vss. 22-25)

- Promises matter. Our word is our bond as servants of God. The spies find Rahab and her family and protect them (Josh. 2:17-20).

IV. WAIT, WORK, WIN

- Patience continues to be the order of the day before the great work of winning the Promised Land. We must wait for the Lord (Num. 9:8; Ps. 5:3; 27:14; 37:7; 40:1-3; Isa. 8:17; 26:8; 30:18; Lam. 3:22-26; Luke 2:25; Acts 1:3-5; 1 Cor. 4:5; Rev. 6:10).
- When the waiting is over, the working begins (Josh. 18:3; Acts 1:8).
- We win in the end (1 Cor. 15:25-28; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 21).

KNOW: God would have us wait, work and win as his people. The results are up to God, but the work is a partnership with him to bring about all that he has in store for us.

DO: Listen and obey, wait on the Lord, and then know his blessings.

Recommended Reading:

A Godward Life, by John Piper (LifePoint Library #242PIP)

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Joshua chapter 6.

1. What are the Lord's directions to Joshua? Does he obey them?
2. What is the outcome for Israel based on their obedience to Joshua's commands?
3. What about putting the entire city to the sword; what do we do with a passage like that?
4. Talk a bit about waiting, working, and winning as God's people. How has that worked out in your own life?
5. We've talked a lot about patience recently—waiting on God. Why is that such a strong theme in the early chapters of Joshua?
6. How, specifically, is this series through Joshua impacting you?