**Once Upon a Time … The Walls of Jericho Came Tumbling Down**

Joshua 5:13-6:27

**Joshua 6:15 (ESV)**On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times.

**Joshua 6:16 (ESV)**And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.

**Joshua 6:17 (ESV)**And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the Lord for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

**Joshua 6:18 (ESV)**But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it.

**Joshua 6:19 (ESV)**But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.”

**Joshua 6:20 (ESV)**So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.

**How to trust God in your greatest challenges:**

1. **Surrender to His Sovereignty**

**Joshua 5:13 (ESV)**When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man was standing before him with His drawn sword in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to him, “Are You for us, or for our adversaries?”

**Joshua 5:14 (ESV)**And He said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to Him, “What does my Lord say to His servant?”

**Joshua 5:15 (ESV)**And the Commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

1. **Claim His Promises**

**Joshua 6:1 (ESV)**Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.

**Joshua 6:2 (ESV)**And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.”

1. **Walk in His Commands**

**Joshua 6:3 (ESV)
“**You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days.

**Joshua 6:4 (ESV)**Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

**Joshua 6:5 (ESV)**And when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.”

**Hebrews 11:30 (ESV)**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

1. **Honor His Holiness**

**Joshua 6:21 (ESV)**Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

**Joshua 6:24 (ESV)**And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.

**Exodus 34:6 (ESV)**The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

**Exodus 34:7 (ESV)**keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

**Deuteronomy 20:16 (ESV)**But in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes,

**Deuteronomy 20:17 (ESV)**but you shall devote them to complete destruction, the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, as the Lord your God has commanded,

**Deuteronomy 20:18 (ESV)**that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices that they have done for their gods, and so you sin against the Lord your God.

**Joshua 6:25 (ESV)**But Rahab the prostitute and her father’s household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

**Hebrews 11:31 (ESV)**By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.