

Joshua 6:1-27 – Personal Application: Trusting God’s Unconventional Plans

The story of Jericho’s fall is one of the most remarkable moments in Israel’s history. It teaches us about faith, obedience, and God’s power to bring victory in the most unexpected ways.

God’s Plan Often Seems Unusual

Imagine being a soldier in Joshua’s army. You’re ready for battle, expecting to use swords and strategy. But instead, God commands you to march silently around the city for six days and then shout on the seventh. From a human perspective, this makes no sense. But God wasn’t calling them to understand—He was calling them to trust Him and obey.

How often do I try to reason my way through a situation instead of simply trusting God? His ways are higher than mine (Isaiah 55:8-9). There are times when He asks me to do something that seems illogical—whether it’s forgiving when I want justice, giving when I feel I lack, or waiting when I want to act. The question is, do I trust Him enough to obey, even when His plan doesn’t make sense to me?

Obedience Precedes Victory

God didn’t give Israel the victory before they obeyed—He gave them instructions, and only after they followed them did the walls fall. Faith without obedience is empty.

In my own life, I may be praying for a breakthrough, but am I also walking in obedience? Maybe I’m asking God to heal a relationship, but I refuse to humble myself and reach out. Maybe I’m asking for provision, but I hesitate to be generous with what I have. If I want to see God move powerfully, I need to trust and obey—step by step, just like the Israelites did.

Silence Before the Shout

Joshua commanded the people to remain silent as they marched. Only on the seventh day, after the final lap, were they to shout. Why? Perhaps it was to keep them from speaking words of doubt and fear. Imagine them whispering to one another, *"Is this really going to work?"* or *"This plan seems foolish."* Their silence kept them from talking themselves out of obedience.

How often do I allow my own words to weaken my faith? When facing a challenge, do I complain, worry, or speak negatively? Proverbs 18:21 reminds me that *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue."* Sometimes, I need to silence my doubts and let my faith do the marching.

The First Belongs to God

God commanded that Jericho’s treasures be set apart for Him. This was the first city conquered in the Promised Land, and the first always belongs to the Lord. This principle still applies today—whether it’s my time, my resources, or my talents, I am called to honor God first.

Do I give God my first and best, or does He get what’s left over after I’ve taken care of everything else? When I put Him first, He blesses the rest (Matthew 6:33).

God Fulfills His Word

Joshua pronounced a curse on whoever would rebuild Jericho, and hundreds of years later, it was fulfilled exactly as he said (1 Kings 16:34). God's Word is always true—His promises and His warnings alike.

Do I trust that what God says will come to pass? When He says that those who seek Him will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13), do I believe it? When He promises that He will never leave me nor forsake me (Hebrews 13:5), do I rest in that truth? God's faithfulness is unwavering, and I can stand on His Word.

Final Reflection

The battle of Jericho wasn't won by human strength, logic, or skill. It was won by faith, obedience, and God's power. In my own life, I may face walls that seem impossible to break—whether they are struggles, fears, or challenges. But if I trust in God, walk in obedience, and wait on His timing, I will see those walls come down.

Lord, help me trust Your plans, even when they don't make sense. Help me walk in obedience, even when I don't see immediate results. Keep my words aligned with faith, and teach me to put You first in all things. You are the One who brings the victory. Amen.