

Faith Triumphs: Joshua's Victories - Part 1

Joshua 6

Main Idea: Faith triumphs through our active warfare and our warrior God as we seek to obey by faith and rest in the promise of certain victory.

- **Ephesians 6:10-12**

Introduction

Four realities about the battles that are before us:

- Sometimes The Lord Of Hosts Fights Our Battles For Us
- Sometimes We Seek To Fight Our Battles With Sin In the Camp
- Sometimes We Seek To Fight Our Battles Without God
- Sometimes We Fight Our Battles With The Lord Of Hosts

- The Story: The Fall of Jericho
- The Christian Life: Both War and Peace - **Acts 14:21-22**
- The Promise: A life of abundance and a place of rest
 - **Psalm 16:11; Isaiah 26:3; Hebrews 4:11**
- The Obstacle: The City of Man
 - **1 John 5:19; Galatians 1:4**

Sometimes The Lord Of Hosts Fights Our Battles For Us - (Ch. 6)

- Be Sure - **vv. 1-7**
 - He has given us the victory - **vv. 1-2**
 - **Colossians 2:15**
 - He will knock down the walls - **v. 5**
 - **Psalm 108:12-13**
 - But... we will take the city - **vv. 6-7**
- Be Still - **vv. 8-12**
 - Be silent - **v. 10**
 - **Exodus 14:14**
 - But... be ready - **v. 10b**
 - **Matthew 24:44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**
- Be Obedient - **vv. 12-14**
 - Obedience even without results
 - Patience even without answers
- Be Devoted - **vv. 12-25**
 - **Hebrews 12:1-2**
 - Be devoted to accept God's justice - **vv. 15-21**

- Deuteronomy 13:12-18
- vv. 18-19
- vv. 20-21
- Be aware of the cost to the undevoted - v. 18
- Be devoted to showing God's mercy - vv. 22-25
 - Romans 9:14-16

So What?

- Are you walking in victory?
 - 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- What is your "Jericho?" Have you felt like you have been walking around your "Jericho" for years and you can't see any cracks in the walls?
 - A "Jericho" can be anything that robs us of our blood-bought joy in Christ or ant calling, command, or responsibility where you see little to no progress even after years of labor.
 - "Jericho" = An enemy: A life-dominating sin, depression, anxiety, job, relationships, a lost family member
 - Jericho can seem to rob us of living a blessed or abundant life. They are obstacles. (The hard heart of a family member we desire to be saved)
- Biblically, what does living "a blessed life" look like?
 - Rom. 6:17 - blessed life is an obedient life
 - 2 Cor 5:15 - Blessed life in Christ for the good of others
 - 2 Cor 2:14-17 - Blessed life if a triumphant life (on mission = confident of our identity - our destiny and our purpose)
- Read **Luke 13:1-5**. How does God answer the question of why do bad things happen to good people? Does this seem harsh? Why? Do I have an accurate view of myself and God?
 - The danger of entitlement - I need, I deserve, I want
 - We deserve justice but in Christ receive mercy
 - We deserve to be treated as Sodom or Jericho.
 - There are no good people - Rom 3:12
- Does God hate the sin but not the sinner? Biblically support your answer.
 - The tension