

THE JOSHUA FIVE

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THEN A SHOUT.

JOSHUA 6:20

²⁰ So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

God's direct instructions for Jericho

1. Have the armed men circle the city once each day for six days. Joshua 6:3
2. Seven priests were to carry seven ram's-horn trumpets. Joshua 6:4
3. The Ark of the Covenant was to go with them.
4. The priests were to continually blow the trumpets. Joshua 6:9
5. The people were commanded to remain silent. Joshua 6:10
6. For six days, they were to make only one circuit. Joshua 6:11–14.
7. On the seventh day, they were to get up early and circle Jericho seven times. Joshua 6:15
8. On the seventh circuit, the priests were to give a long blast on the trumpets.
9. When Joshua gave the command, everyone was to shout. Joshua 6:5
10. God promised the wall would fall, and then they were to advance straight into the city. Joshua 6:5

March.

Carry the presence.

Sound the trumpet.

Stay silent.

Keep marching.

Then shout when I tell you.

And when I bring the wall down, advance.

Their responsibility was obedience. God's responsibility was the wall.

JOSHUA TEACHES US ABOUT SEASONS

Joshua experienced slavery in Egypt. (40 Years Old)

He knew what it was to live under somebody else's bondage.

Joshua experienced the wilderness. (80 Years Old)

He knew what it was to walk through decades of dryness, delay, disappointment, and funerals.

Joshua stood at Jericho. (80-Something Years Old)

Egypt taught him how to survive. The wilderness taught him how to trust. Jericho was about to teach him how to advance.

At 80 years old he was about to embark on the most important battle he had ever faced. (Old wisdom teaches the importance not of working hard, but following diligently the instructions set out by the Lord)

Joshua learned the following:

- His past wasn't a predictor of his future. (Slavery)
- His delay in the wilderness wasn't denial. (Desert)
- Obedience was his most important weapon. (The Promise Land)

JOSHUA'S JOURNEY TEACHES HOW TO TRUST IN THOSE SEASONS

JOSHUA 5:12 NKJV

Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

For forty years, manna was exactly what they needed. It wasn't inferior provision. It was miraculous provision. ***But what was a miracle in the wilderness would have become a limitation in the Promised Land.***

They couldn't keep living like wilderness people while possessing Canaan.

The manna ceased because the survival season was over.

Joshua had spent enough years surviving.

Now God was teaching him to advance.

- Egypt: Come out.
- Wilderness: Keep going.
- Jericho: Go in.

Some of you have mastered coming out. You've mastered surviving. You've mastered making it through another day. ***But God didn't bring Joshua out of Egypt just so he could become an expert at surviving the wilderness.*** He brought him out because there was something He intended Joshua to possess.

Deliverance got him out.

Dependence got him through.

Obedience took him in.

Don't let what you had to become to survive Egypt become the limit on who you can become in Canaan. (You are bigger than your trauma)

JOSHUA TEACHES US ABOUT THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

JOSHUA 2:9-11 (RAHAB SPEAKING)

I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

(Then she explains why. They had heard what God did at the Red Sea and what happened to Sihon and Og. She concludes:)

JOSHUA 2:11 NKJV

And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you."

JOSHUA 6:1

Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in.

Don't mistake the enemy's walls for confidence. Sometimes walls aren't evidence of strength. They're evidence of fear.

JOSHUA 6:2:

See! I have given Jericho into your hand.

The walls haven't moved yet. The gates are still locked. The city still looks impossible. But heaven's assessment of Jericho is completely different from Israel's view from the ground.

Heaven's Assessment should outweigh any other assessment.

The doctors, the finances, the marriage status, the addiction, the sickness, the unbelief, the religious mindset.

The walls are coming down, get ready for the shout!

A shout isn't merely a momentary noise let out.

It is a life freed.

A marriage restored.

A miracle birthed.

A mind healed.

Depression delivered.

Demonic set free.

Peace restored.

GET READY FOR THE SHOUT!

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