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Joshua 6:1-20

If you grew up attending Sunday school, you know the story of Joshua and Jericho. But we must be careful not to file this story away in our minds as something amazing the Lord did a long time ago. The same God still guides us today, and by studying this account, we gain insight into living obediently.

Joshua heard God's directive, "You shall march around the city" (Josh. 6:3). In order for us to obey, we likewise need to hear what the Lord is telling us to do. This means we must be reading and meditating on His Word, confessing sin, praying, and spending time with Him.

Joshua obeyed, telling the people, "Go forward, and march around the city" (Josh. 6:7). Joshua did as instructed, despite three potential stumbling blocks:

- 1. He could have questioned God's directive. After all, marching around the city didn't seem like a practical battle strategy for overpowering a fortified city.*
- 2. He could have felt pressured to explain himself to his men in order to gain their approval and agreement.*
- 3. He could have let fear of failure keep him from obeying.*

But Joshua did none of these. Upon hearing God’s voice, he followed instructions to the letter—and without hesitation. The result was that God honored his obedience: “The wall fell down ... and they took the city” (Josh. 6:20).

Are you willing to do what God says, regardless of your feelings or misgivings? Joshua was confident because the Lord had promised to give Jericho into his hand. And God’s promises to us are also the reason we can trust and obey Him.

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