



Book of
JOSHUA

The Story

Part 7

VICTORIOUS LIVING IN GOD'S PROMISES

How does Chapter 7 begin — what has happened — what is happening — what is going to happen?

- **Moses dies**
- **God tells Joshua that they will cross into the promise land**
- **God tells them to “strong & courageous”**
- **To Obey the laws**
- **Joshua sets in motion to move**
- **2 spies went in – Rahab**
- **They swear to protect Rahab’s house**
- **Success!**

2. What events occurred during the following years:

- **1406 –**
- **Moses dies and is buried**
- **Joshua take command**
- **The conquest of promised land begins**
- **1406-1375 –**
- **The conquest of the land**
- **1375 –**
- **Joshua dies**

3. What is so important about Joshua 1. 7-9?

“7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

- **God was speaking**
- **Confidence in the Lord**
- **Blessings and warnings**

4. Rahab is a very important asset for the Israelites - What is said about her in the following:

- **Joshua 2 –**
 - *She took care and hid the spies*
 - *She lied for the spies*
 - *She made the spies swear to protect her house*
 - *She was to tie a scarlet cord in her window*
 - *Whoever was in the house would be safe*
 - *She led them to safety - escape*

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- **Joshua 6 –**
 - *Those in her house were spared the destruction*
 - *Israel brot Rahab & her house out safely*
 - *Joshua spared Rahab – she had taken care of the spies*
 - *She lived among the Israelites*

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- **Matthew 1 –**
 - *Mentioned as the mother of Boaz*
- **Hebrews 11 –**
 - **Vs 31 –** *“By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.”*
- **James – 2 –**
 - **Vs 25 –** *“In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? ²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.”*

5. What 2 things separated the Israelites from entrance into the promised land?

- **The River Jordan**
- **Tough to navigate**
- **The rite of circumcision**
- **This was the sign of God's covenant**
- **Remember who died in the wilderness**
- **None of this generation was circumcised**
- **To cross**
- **Priests with Ark touched water – flow stopped**
- **Males were circumcised**

6. See what you can find out about Jericho.

- **Located in the West Bank area**
- **Jericho is one of the earliest settlements in the world dating from 9000 BC**
- **1st town attacked by Israelites under Joshua**
- **After its destruction by the Israelites it was abandoned until Hiel the Bethelite 9th C BC**

1 Kings 16. 34

- **Jericho - Herod the Great established a winter residence at Jericho and died there in 4 BC**

7. How do the following verses help us to understand this lesson?

• 2 Corinthians 10. 3-5 –

- “³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”**

7. How do the following verses help us to understand this lesson?

• Ephesians 6. 10-20 -

- **“¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”**

7. **How do the following verses help us to understand this lesson?**

- **Joshua 24 –**
- **We must answer Joshua's question →**
- **“¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.”**
- **“But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

7. How do the following verses help us to understand this lesson?

- **Mark 8. 34-36**

- **“³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”**

8. What is the Upper Story this week?



Numbers vs Joshua

- Numbers
 - Disobedience & Death
- Joshua
 - Obedience & Victories

Achan vs Rahab

- Achan
 - Pedigree Israelite
 - Insider
 - Sins and about destroys God's people
- Rahab
 - Prostitute
 - Sinner
 - Outsider
 - Saves God's people

The Ancient City of Jericho

- A great walled city
- ***Surrounded by 2 massive stone walls***
- ***The outer wall was 6 ft thick & 20 ft high***
- ***The inner wall was 12 ft thick & 30 ft high***
- ***15 ft guarded walkway between the 2 walls***
- ***From a military standpoint it
was practically impenetrable.***

**What things do we have
entrenched and rooted
in our lives that prevent
us or separate us
from with God?**

Our battle involves confrontation

Joshua 5. 13-15

"13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" 14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" 15 The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so."

Truths from Joshua

Our battle involves CONFRONTATION

Joshua 5.13-15

With The Person Of God - This individual that Joshua meets outside the walls of Jericho identifies Himself as *"The Captain of the host of the Lord."*

With The Position Of God - The Lord is the One Who is always victorious

The Lord is merely reminding Joshua Who is really fighting the battle!

With The Power Of God - When Joshua meets this man the Lord answers Joshua's challenge: Joshua asked Him, *"Are you for us or for them?"* The Lord answered, *"No!"*

"I am not here to take sides, I am here to take over!"

Truths from Joshua

Our battle involves **CONFIDENCE**

Joshua 6:1-5

“1 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. 2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

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Our battle involves **CONFIDENCE**

Joshua 6:1-5

V.1-2 - **In God's Promises**

Before Joshua goes to battle against the city of Jericho, he is reminded of the Lord's promises to give Israel the victory.

Truths from Joshua

- There were **Past Promises** - **Josh. 2:9**

⁸ Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof ⁹ and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you."

There were **Present Promises** - **Josh. 6:2**

"Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men."

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Our battle involves **CONFIDENCE**

Joshua 6:3-5

V.1-2 - **In God's Plan**

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Joshua 6:3-5

V.1-2 - **In God's Plan**

God's plan for Israel's victory seems really strange. After all, what was really required of Israel to bring the walls of Jericho down?

What the Lord told the Israelites to do

1. ***They were to take seven priests.*** Seven is the biblical number of completion or fullness.
2. ***They were to take seven ram's horn trumpets.*** The ram was a picture of *Atonement*. Remember when Abraham took Isaac to the top of Moriah to put him to death? It was a ram that provided the atoning, redeeming price for Isaac. So, we need a full or perfect atonement.
3. ***They were to take the ark of the covenant.*** The ark represents the Lord Jesus Christ in all of His fulness. In the ark was the golden pot of manna, which speaks of His full provisions. Aaron's budding rod was also in there. This spoke of Christ's power and His life. The tables of the Law were also there.
 - Jesus is all we need to wage the battle against the strongholds in our lives. He gives us all the provisions we need as we fight. He has all power in heaven and in earth. He gives us power to walk in newness of life. He has freed us from the power and the demands of the Law, setting us free to live for the Father in power and victory.
4. ***They were simply to take these things and walk with them around the city.*** God promised them that the walls of Jericho would fall down as a result! In other words, all they had to do was have confidence in God's plan, walk with the things He had given them and they would enjoy the victory. He wanted them to do nothing but to walk by faith!

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Our battle involves **CONFIDENCE**

Joshua 6:3-5

V. 5 - **In God's Power**

Israel was about to learn the truth that
victory was in the Lord and not in
themselves

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Our battle involves **CONQUEST**

Joshua 6. 20-21

❖ . 6-15 Involved Determination

They might have been tempted to fight. But, the people of Jericho were terrified of the Israelites!

Yet, they just walked! That is all God said to do!

**When we do it God's way, there will always be
victory!**

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Our battle involves **CONQUEST**

Joshua 6. 20-21

❖. 16-20 Involved Dedication

Israel walked around that city 6 days
What happened to the walls of the city

Nothing!

When they walked around that city six times on the seventh day,
what happened?

Nothing 

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Our battle involves **DEATH**

Joshua 6. 21

After the walls fell down, the Israelites went into Jericho and killed everything that lives, with the exception of Rahab and her family, v. 22-25.

Does this seem extreme to you?

God knew that if the people of Jericho were allowed to live, they would influence the people of Israel away from Him.

So, when the walls of that stronghold came down, everyone in the city had to die.

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When we come to the place where we can identify the strongholds that are in our life, God, by His power will bring those things down for you.

WE must rise up and make sure that every trace of those things is forever eradicated from our life!

The problem with Jericho wasn't the city!

The problem with Jericho was the people in the city.

They hated God and all He stood for and they had to perish!

**What is it that is
keeping you from
going forward with
God?**

Say

**"Lord, I can not do it
but you can."**

**Whatever the nature of the strongholds in your life may
be, there is help and hope in the Person of Jesus
tonight.**

But

Only if you will

come to Him.