



# When the Walls Won't Fall (Listening for God's Strategy)

Read Joshua 6

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In this sermon, we discuss the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, drawing a parallel between the ancient battle and the personal challenges we face today. We explore how Joshua and the Israelites encountered a seemingly impossible obstacle in the form of Jericho's fortified walls, much like the "Jerichos" we face in our lives—obstacles that seem insurmountable. In such moments, it's crucial to trust in God's guidance rather than relying on our own strength.

This story highlights that Joshua's victory didn't come through typical battle tactics, but through obedience to God's unusual plan to march around the city for seven days. By following God's direction, Joshua saw the walls of Jericho miraculously fall. The lesson, is that God's ideas often don't make sense to us, but they are always better than our own. Trusting in God, even when the plan seems unconventional, leads to breakthrough.

When we reflect on our own struggles and obstacles, we need to stop trying to force their way through and instead trust God's leading. Faith requires courage, but like Joshua, we can experience victory when we rely on God and allow Him to lead us through our challenges.

## Questions for reflection:

### Personal Reflection:

1. What "Jericho" are you facing in your life right now—what is the obstacle that feels insurmountable?
2. In what areas have you been relying on your own strength instead of seeking God's guidance?
3. Have there been times when God has given you a plan that didn't make sense at first, but later led to a breakthrough? How did you respond?
4. How do you typically respond when you encounter a closed door or a difficult situation? Do you try to force it open, or do you wait on God's direction?
5. How can you actively listen for God's voice in your current situation, and what might it look like to trust His timing?

6. What steps can you take this week to let go of control and trust God to go before you in your challenges?

**Group Reflection:**

1. How does the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho challenge your understanding of faith and obedience?
2. Why do you think God often asks us to follow plans that don't make sense to us at the time? How can we encourage each other to trust God more?
3. Can anyone share a testimony of a time when you followed God's direction, even though it seemed unconventional, and experienced a breakthrough?
4. What does it mean to allow God's presence to "go before us" in difficult situations, and how can we do that practically as a group and individually?
5. How can we support each other in identifying and overcoming our personal "Jerichos"? What role does community play in this journey of faith?

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