

Victory with God



MEMORY VERSE: “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”
Isaiah 41:10

DAY 1 JOSHUA 6:1-16 — God’s Plan for Jericho

1. Read verses 1-5. How did Joshua know that they would win the battle at Jericho? What battle plan was given to Joshua?
2. Read verses 6-16. Why do you think God chose to have the Israelites conquer Jericho this way? What role or responsibility did the people have? What traits were needed to fulfill the role God had given to them?
3. According to Hebrews 11:30, what word describes the reason for the victory? What are you facing that requires this same quality?

DAY 2 JOSHUA 6:17-27 — Jericho Is Destroyed

4. Read verses 17-19. What are Joshua’s orders about what is to be destroyed? Why? What was to be saved? Why?
5. Read verses 20-25. What happened to the town? What happened to Rahab and her family? What does this tell you about God?

6. What happened to Joshua because he obeyed God? v. 27

DAY 3 JOSHUA 7:1-26 — Disobedience Brings Defeat

7. Who was to receive all things from Jericho (6:17-19)?

Read chapter 7, verses 1-5. How was God's command disobeyed? What was the result of this disobedience when Israel went against Ai?

8. Read verses 6-13. What does God say in verse 11? Why do you think the whole nation suffered for one family's sin? What can we learn about sin from this?

9. Read verses 16-26. What happened to Achan and his family because of his disobedience? What was God's response after the sin was eliminated?

10. Israel could not fight in God's power unless they walked in obedience to Him. How is this true in our lives as well?

DAY 4 JOSHUA 8:1-35 — God Brings Victory Over Ai

11. Read verses 1-2. How does Joshua know they will win over Ai this time? What does the fact that God allowed the Israelites to have the plunder from Ai when He didn't in Jericho, tell you about God?

12. Verses 10-29 tell the events of the battle. Did their battle plan work? What happened to Ai and to the king?

13. Read verses 30-35. What did Joshua do after the battle? Why do you think it was important for Joshua to review the law (blessings and curses) with the people?

14. All the words Joshua read can be summed up in Moses' words in Deuteronomy 11:26-28. In what way are these words valid for us today?

DAY 5 JOSHUA 6-8 — Wrap Up

15. Only God could do a mighty work as He did in Jericho. Do you stop to thank God and remember what He has done in your life? How can you take time this week to focus on God and what He has done in your life?

16. What is the relationship between obeying and honoring God and receiving God's blessings?

TAKE AWAY

Honoring God and loving His commands is a formula for success. Do this, and you can be victorious over the "walls" God wants to bring down in your life.

BLESSING

"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible." Matthew 19:26

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Israel's victory over Jericho was through spiritual resources. Joshua trusted God. God also calls us to trust Him and not to rely on our limited understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Our trust in God honors and glorifies Him. As we depend on Him, He helps us to walk in His way (Psalm 37:3-5).

Important lessons from Jericho:

1. God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts.
2. With faith in God anything is possible.
3. We cannot succeed without God. We must not rely on our own methods, strength and wisdom to fight our battles.
4. Whatever stands in our way, can become

stepping stones into our Promised Land.

5. When God faithfully provides for us, we must honor Him and show our thankfulness to Him.

After Jericho, Israel is shocked to lose a battle against Ai. God reveals that Israel had taken things devoted to Him from Jericho. Achan is identified as the guilty one and punished. With the truth uncovered and relationship restored, Israel attacks again. This time Ai is defeated.

In this lesson, we learn that God calls us to faithfulness and demands we serve Him only. God honors faithful obedience and dependence on him.

Notes
