

JOSHUA: TEAR DOWN THIS WALL DEVOTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Joshua 5:13-15 ESV

¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Joshua 6:1-5 ESV

Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. ² And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. ⁴ Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat,^[a] and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.”

Opening Discussion:

Following Christ means there is a fight that is always before you. You will face intense opposition from 3 fronts:

Internal—battlefield within yourself. What emotional battle are you fighting?

External—battlefield outside yourself. What physical battle are you fighting?

Spiritual—battlefield in the spiritual realm. What spiritual battle are you fighting?

Life Principle: You can turn opportunity opposition into opportunity for the glory of God.

- Victory on all three fronts is possible, but not if you choose to fight in your own strength and by your own terms.

1. When facing the wall remember you....fight *from* the win, not *for* the win—Joshua 6:2

- According to 1 John 5:4, what gives is the victory that overcomes the world?
- Why is our identity in Christ key?
- What does it mean to fight like a champion, as opposed to fighting like a loser?
- What area of fear and/or frustration have you been fighting?

2. When facing the wall remember you must....be found faithful—Joshua 6:7, 10.

- According to James 1:3-4, what does the testing of your faith produce?

- How do you see the following being demonstrated in God's instructions to Joshua and the Israelites in the battle of Jericho?

Patience: _____

Self-control: _____

Perseverance: _____

- Which of these do you find to be the greatest challenge in your spiritual, emotional, and physical battles?

3. When facing the wall remember you must....fully finish what you started—Joshua 6:20.

- Israel was given three instructions: (1) devote everything in the city to God (2) rescue the prostitute (3) finish off the enemy.

Application:

- What walls of fear and/or frustration do you need to tear down?
- What we gaze upon, we glorify.
- Faith fully finishes!
- Let hostile ground become holy ground.
- Respond don't react.
- The enemy fears the God in you and with you.