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# JOSHUA

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# THE CHALLENGE

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The trust of the Israelites in God needed to be demonstrated in this battle.

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# WHY JERICHO?

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And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 18:9-13

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# THE PLAN

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Step 1:

March in a quiet circle 1x a day for 6 days

Step 2:

March 7x around the city on the 7th day, priests blow the trumpet, people shout.

Step 3:

Destroy the city

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# THE PLAN

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What is noteworthy about this plan?

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# THE PLAN

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- Israel is not responsible for the wall
  - The Israelites are dependent on God for success
  - The Israelites are required to do something
  - Even though they had reached the promised land, their work had just begun
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# THE PLAN

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- Israel's first challenge goes directly to what the spies were afraid of

"Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. And you murmured in your tents and said, 'Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.'" - [Deu 1:26-28 ESV]

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# THE PLAN

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- God is interleaved fully into this plan
    - Destruction of the wall is dependent on God
    - The ark of the covenant is in the battle
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# THE PATH

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- Israel follows instructions
  - They go “every man, straight ahead” into the city
  - Rahab is rescued
  - The city is plundered and burnt
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# THE PATH

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What is noteworthy about the execution of the plan?

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# THE PATH

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- The plan included silence from those that marched
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# THE PATH

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- Straight up indicates that it was not just a breach or the gates opened, but the entire wall fell down
    - Wall rubble created a ramp from the lower retaining wall to the top of the “tell” that the city sat on.
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# THE PATH

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- Israel was still required to carry out the destruction of Jericho once God brought down the wall
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# THE VICTORY

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- The Israelites were victorious
  - Rahab was saved
  - Jericho is cursed
  - Joshua is famous in the land of Canaan
  - The Lord is with Joshua
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# VICTORY SIGNIFICANCE

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- God provided the way of victory
  - Israel was faithful
    - In following the instructions
    - In their deal with Rahab
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# VICTORY SIGNIFICANCE

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- Curse of Jericho is fulfilled prophecy (1 Kings 16:34)
  - Joshua is established as a leader under the Lord
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# VICTORY SIGNIFICANCE

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Israel is on a good start in their conquest with God leading them!

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# What do we learn about God's character?

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Joshua 6

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# GOD'S CHARACTER

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Even though His plans may not make sense to us, God will deliver on His promises.

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# GOD'S CHARACTER

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God has given us...

Joshua 6:2

Ephesians 2:4-6

2 Peter 1:3

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# What do we learn about God's people?

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Joshua 6

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# GOD'S PEOPLE

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Our purpose is not to question, grumble, or complain. We are to obey and be dependent on the Lord for victory!

Phil 2:12-15

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# GOD'S PEOPLE

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God's people are not "born" in, they are those who choose to fear him. (Joshua 6:25)

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# How does this strengthen our faith?

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Joshua 6

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# OUR FAITH

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Jericho, it's walls, and Isreal's victory were real.

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# Practical Take-Aways

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Joshua 6

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# BY FAITH

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By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

[Heb 11:30-31 ESV]

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# BY FAITH

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What is the difference between believing and living by faith?

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