

Joshua 6: The Most Unusual Battle Plan Ever

Getting started: Have you ever sensed God asking you to do something that seemed bonkers to yourself or others? Describe that time.

Read vv. 1-14 Describing the Battle Plan

1. What did God say to assure Joshua of victory? Name the steps laid out for the defeat of Jericho (vv. 2-5). Why the repetition of the number 7 in the text?

2. Do your best to list the order of procession around the city walls each day. (vv. 7-9) What were the priests with the trumpets supposed to do? (vv. 8, 13) What did Joshua tell the people to do? (v. 10)

3. What do you think the repetitive nature of these steps did for the people of God as they marched? Why have them do the same thing for six days? (vv. 14) (vv. 6-7) Why might God ask us to do certain things repetitively, such as church attendance, communion, reading the Bible, etc.?

Read vv. 15-21 Taking the City

4. After circling the city 7x on the 7th day, what did the priests do? What did the people do? (vv. 15-16) What did God do? (v. 20)

5. What had God determined to do to the city? What did that mean for the items inside? What did that mean for Rahab and her family? (vv. 17-19)

6. What did the people do when they rushed upon the city? (vv. 21-22) What was to be done to any valuables collected from inside? (vv. 19, 23-24)

Read vv. 22-27 Rescuing Rahab

7. What did Joshua ask the two spies to do? Why does the Scripture say these people were spared? (v. 23, 25). What was done to the city after Rahab and her family was saved?

8. What curse did Joshua place upon the city of Jericho? (v. 26) How did God use this victory to further help Israel and Joshua? (v. 27)

9. Romans 8:31 says that “if God be for us, who can be against us.” Does this mean success in all of our endeavors? How can we be sure that God is for us when we rise up to do something for Him?