

TAKING THE CITY

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Josh 6:1-5 Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go in or out. But the LORD said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its mighty warriors. Your entire army is to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the horns, have all the people give a mighty shout. Then the walls of the city will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the city. NLT

The walls of Jericho were immense. They wrapped around the city, two circles of stone rising 40 feet above the ground. They were impenetrable. The people living inside those walls were barbaric. They repelled all invaders and withstood all sieges.

Until the day that Joshua showed up. Until the day his army of believers marched around it. Until the day the earth began to shake and the walls fell down.

What you need to understand is that Joshua and his army didn't knock the walls down. His soldiers never used a battering ram. The quaking and shaking and rumbling and tumbling of the walls of Jericho took place because of God Almighty!

Is there a Jericho in your path? Is there something standing between you and the promises of God for your life?

In order to see the strongholds in your life come down, you must do what Joshua and the people of Israel did. You must be obedient to the voice of God. You must be willing to do what He tells you to do. How He tells you to do it. When He tells you to do it. You must be obedient to God's Word.

Sadly, some people would rather fight than be obedient.

Some battles aren't won fighting. Sometimes we just have to march. Sometimes we just have to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

The key to victory is obedience.