

Tearing Down Your Jericho Starts by Embracing This Truth

We are way too religious in our thinking.

Somehow as Christians we have decided if we run up against an obstacle that must mean God doesn't want us to go forward with what we *know* He's already told us. We don't take into consideration that we do have an enemy and it isn't God.

Keep Going

God will not close the door to whatever He has shown us to do. The enemy, though, loves to deceive us and make us think it's God who has put an obstacle in our paths. I want to submit that maybe God wants you to use a new strategy to defeat your enemy. Maybe He just wants you to continue walking around your Jericho until the walls fall down.

There was no city more formidable than Jericho. "Now Jericho was tightly secured before the children of Israel. There was no one leaving or entering."¹

I can just hear the Israelites whispering among themselves. "The walls are too tall. The city is too secure. There's no way we can get in. They are too strong for us. It must mean we should leave this one."

Listen to God

It's a good thing Joshua knew to listen to the voice of God. The Lord told him, "See, I have given Jericho, its king, and mighty men of valor into your hand."²

Joshua could have taken his people and moved on, but he knew

they could not leave such a strong fortified city in the land. To do so would be abdicating all God had promised them. It would be akin to becoming captive once again.

Y'all know the crazy story of how God showed the people to walk around the city once a day for six days not saying a single word.³ If they were like Christians today they would have been murmuring and complaining about this ridiculous display, thinking they should be storming the gates. And what's with all the horn blowing anyway?⁴

Closed Doors

Talk about closed doors. Each day the Israelites marched one time around the wall. Joshua just told them what to do each day and then they'd go back to the camp and wait for the next day. The gates were still tightly shut. The walls were still enormously tall. The fortifications were still solidly in place every day for six days.

By the seventh day, I'm sure the Israelites were getting pretty tired of this show of inaction. They might have been saying, "Really, march around the wall again? When are we getting in? When are the gates going to open?"

Here's the deal, though: God didn't want the gates to just open by the force of men. He wanted a dramatic and radical showing of His power. He wanted there to be no doubt about the fact that He had delivered into their hands the most difficult city they had encountered. And He had done it simply by the sound of their voices.

"When the people heard the trumpet sound, they shouted a loud battle cry, and the wall fell down. So the people went up into the city, one man after the other, and they captured it."⁵

What Is Your Jericho?

Now, I want to ask you: What is your Jericho? What is that think that seems tightly shut up and you can get no entrance? What thing have you come up against that the doors have seemed so closed that you have said, "Well, it must not be God's will for me to get into that group or go on that weight loss change journey. It must be a sign. I'll just do nothing."

Did you ever think about it this way? Maybe there is an obstacle in the way or a closed door that you need to ask God to open. Maybe He wants to show His power strong on your behalf. Maybe the enemy has closed the door to make you think it won't open for you.

The Door Will Open

The last few days have been some of the strongest prayer warfare days of my life. So many technical things beyond my control have been happening to my website that it is not humorous at all. I do what I can. I pray, contact the technical people to help, and I come against whatever seems to be blocking people from getting the deliverance they need through #KickWeight.

See, #KickWeight has a proven track record of helping God's people get free of the "weight and the sin that so easily entangles us."⁶ Those in the first session lost an amazing 408 pounds. It was beyond my wildest dreams for that group.

Shout for the Lord Has Given You the City

I developed this group just for those like I was when I felt I could submit to God in every way except what and how much I ate. As Christians we tend to be pretty good at staying away from drugs, alcohol, pornography and other sexual sins, but we can eat—and boy, do we.

We eat ourselves right into an early grave. We eat ourselves right into the devil's schemes.

Jesus said, "The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."⁷

When you are trying to follow Jesus with all your heart and step into the destiny and abundance He has for you, and you run up against a closed door, do not think it is God.

Investigate the source. Knock on the door and see if it opens. March around it six times, but don't give up then. The seventh day is coming. "Shout the battle cry, for the Lord has given you the city!"⁸

¹ Joshua 6:1 MEV

² Joshua 6:2 MEV

³ Joshua 6:10

⁴ Joshua 6:13

⁵ Joshua 6:20 MEV

⁶ Hebrews 12:1 MEV

⁷ John 10:10 MEV

⁸ Joshua 6:16 AMP

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