**A Life Lived for God [The Book of Joshua]**

**Oct 31, 2021: 36 - All Quiet on the Eastern Front – Joshua 6:10**

**Review from last week: Avengers Assemble**

1. Joshua Called his forces to battle.
2. Joshua assembled them to head to Jericho.

How we approach the Jericho(s) in our lives: first by our walk… and then our words… Proclaiming God’s Truth in Love!

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**Today’s key points**

1. The Expectations
2. Joshua’s Proclamation
3. The Duration
4. The Motivation
5. The Expectations

**Numbers 21:33-35** *33And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. 34And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. 35So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.*

**Exodus 17:13-14** 13And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

**Matthew 5:38-39** *38Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.*

**Matthew 5:43-48** *43Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

**Isaiah 55:8-9** *8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Our expectations of how to deal with our Jericho(s), many times don’t line up with how God would have us deal with them.

Their expectations for a traditional battle at Jericho was not what God planned for them.

1. Joshua’s Proclamation

*“…Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth…”*

**“Shut your mouth, don’t say a word.”**

**Joshua 6:3-5** *3And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. 5And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.*

**Joshua’s job is to unify and mobilize these forces!**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** *12For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

 **Numbers 13:30-31** 3*0And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. 31But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.*

**Maintaining strong faith is a daily struggle for believers because we believe our circumstances, more than we believe God.**

**Matthew 14:29-32** *29And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

How many times could the Lord say the same thing to us?

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1. The Duration

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We know that this will be a 7 day campaign, but the men don’t know that.

*“…until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.”*

1. The Motivation

**Isaiah 53:6-7** *6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

**Matthew 27:12-14** *12And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.*

**Jesus’s silence revealed His power!**

**James 1:19** *19Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

**God is teaching faith through this order of silence.**

**Hebrews 11:30** *30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 5Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

John 14:1-6 1Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 5Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The answer is to still our hearts and set our eyes on our Savior. If our faith in Him doesn’t fill our field of vision…. we’ll begin to see those things the devil uses to make us fearful.

**A fearful heart is not a faith-filled heart!**

**Lamentations 3:26** *26It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.*

**1 Peter 3:4** *4But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

As this silent army circles Jericho, the report from the city’s watchmen, will be

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Then we face the Jericho(s) in our lives, and our emotions want to take us to a place of fear and desperation…

Will we still our hearts, silently trust God, and walk by faith?

Will we fall prey to our fears and allow the noise and confusion of doubt to consume our lives?

**Put your faith in God and God alone.**

**Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.**