



# LET'S GO DEEPER

## THE SHOUT OUT – March 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Pastor Peter

### Key Verse – JOSHUA 6<sup>th</sup> 1-5

“Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. But the LORD said to Joshua, ‘I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town 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 town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.’”

### 1. They Need Courage

Joshua 6:1 “Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in.”

They can’t have a place where people worship idols in a land dedicated to the glory of God. The city has to be conquered for the future health of Israel itself.

With God, you can have a more massive impact than you ever dreamed was possible.

1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

That’s why we can’t leave the Jericho’s intact. That’s why we can’t leave the Jericho’s in our lives.

Matt. 19:24 “Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Matt. 19:26 “Jesus looked at them and said, ‘Humanly speaking, this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

### QUESTIONS:

**1. Why did the Israelites need courage to obey God?**

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**2. What is your real identity? Is it in Christ?**

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**3. Would we need to look for God is everything we face in our lives we see can be resolved by our own means?**

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You can't do it, but God can.

## 2. They Need Trust

**Joshua 6:2** "But the Lord said to Joshua, 'I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors.'"

And the strategy God says to use is walk around the city for six days. On the seventh day, walk around the city seven times, blow trumpets and shout.

And even though it doesn't make any sense, Joshua needs to trust God.

We can have a dynamic, interactive relationship with God where He speaks to us and guides us and helps us in practical ways.

## 3. They Need Faith

It's one thing to say we trust God, it's another thing to act in faith.

When God does the work, when God intervenes, when God comes in power, when God touches your life, what He does is perfect and what He does is complete.

As we obey God we can expect God to do something amazing.

And know that our obedience isn't a blind obedience and our efforts aren't in your own strength.

Because there's another angle to this story.

**Josh. 6:6,7** "So Joshua called together the priests and said, 'Take up the Ark of the Lord's Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram's horn.' Then he gave orders to the people: 'March around the town, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the Lord.'"

The Ark of the Lord's Covenant is like a box where God's presence dwells.

They have the powerful assurance that God's presence is with them

**Heb. 13:5** "I will never fail you; I will never abandon you."

God promises to be with us every step of the way.

### Questions:

**1. How does faith and trust relate when obeying God?**

**2. Why did Joshua and the Israelites needed to trust God on what he was asking them to do?**

**3. Have you ever had a situation were trusting what God was telling made no sense? What was the outcome?**

**1. Why was faith a requirement to follow God's instruction for the Israelites?**

**2. Can we obey God without faith in him?**



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## HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE THIS WEEK?

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## KEY POINTS

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