

## B. God's weapons are not man's weapons!

*Joshua 6:20* "When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so, everyone charged straight in, and they took the city."

## C. God's work is not man's work!

*Joshua 6:16* "The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"

*I Samuel 17:47* "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give all of you into our hands."

### How can we apply this lesson to our life?

#### A. We are in a battle daily.

*I Peter 5:8* "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

#### B. We need God's battle plan to win.

*Ephesians 6:11* "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

*Luke 22:40b* "... Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

*Psalms 119:10* "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands."

*Psalms 33:20* "We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.  
[21] In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name."

*James 4:7* "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and He will flee from you."

## The Battle Belongs to the Lord!

**Joshua 6:1-27**

**Lesson #10**

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## I. God explained His plan to Joshua.

*\*Joshua 6:1* "Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in."

### A. God's plan was positive.

*Joshua 6:2* "Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men."

### B. God's plan was perplexing.

*Joshua 6:3* "March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days."

*Joshua 6:4* "Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets."

### C. God's plan was powerful.

*Joshua 6:5a* "When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; ...."

*Joshua 6:5b* "... then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

## II. Joshua and the people executed God's plan.

*Joshua 6:6* "So, Joshua, son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it."

*Joshua 6:7* "And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord."

### A. The soldiers and priests organized.

*Joshua 6:8* "When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them."

**Joshua 6:9** “The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding.”

**Joshua 6:10** “But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!”

## **B. The soldiers and priests obeyed.**

**Joshua 6:11** “So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.”

**Joshua 6:12** “Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.”

**Joshua 6:13** “The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding.”

**Joshua 6:14** “So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.”

**Joshua 6:15** “On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.”

**Joshua 6:16** “The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!”

## **C. They were ordered to take nothing for themselves.**

**Joshua 6:17** “The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent.”

**Joshua 6:18** “But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise, you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it.”

**Joshua 6:19** “All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury.”

## **III. They experienced success by obeying God’s plan.**

### **A. Jericho was destroyed.**

**Joshua 6:20** “When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so, everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.”

**Hebrews 11:30** “By faith, the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.”

**Joshua 6:21** “They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.”

## **B. Rahab and her family were delivered.**

**Joshua 6:22** “Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.”

**Joshua 6:23** “So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.”

**Hebrews 11:31** “By faith, the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.”

**Joshua 6:24** “Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord’s house.”

**Joshua 6:25** “But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.”

## **C. Joshua gave a do not rebuild Jericho warning.**

**Joshua 6:26** “At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the Lord is the one who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: “At the cost of his firstborn son he will lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest he will set up its gates.”

**Joshua 6:27** “So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.”

## **We have three important observations from Joshua!**

### **A. God’s ways are not man’s ways!**

**Joshua 6:3** “March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.”