

Title: The Walls Must Fall

Text: Joshua 6:1–20

Introduction

The story of Jericho is one of the most remarkable demonstrations of God's power and faithfulness. Israel stood before a fortified city with walls that seemed impossible to penetrate. Yet, through obedience and faith, those walls came crashing down. This passage reminds believers that no obstacle is too great when God is at the center of the battle.

READ TEXT

1. The Challenge Before the People (Joshua 6:1–2)

Jericho was tightly shut up—no one went out, and no one came in.

- Engineers say Jericho's walls were so thick that chariots could ride on top of them.
- Jericho is located in the Jordan Valley, near the Jordan River, about 6 miles northwest of the Dead Sea.
- It lies approximately 800 feet below sea level making it one of the lowest inhabited places on Earth. The city sits on an oasis fed by the perennial spring known as Elisha's Spring which has sustained life in the area for thousands of years.
- It was an oasis. The city represented a barrier between Israel and the promise God had given them

When believers face "walls" that seem too strong, they can remember Jericho—where the impossible became possible through faith.

But God's words to Joshua were clear: "See, I have given Jericho into your hand." The victory was already promised before the battle began. Faith begins by seeing what God has said, not what the eyes can see.

Today, I want to talk about walls and perspective.

WALLS:

People face many kinds of "walls" in life—barriers that stand between them and the fullness of what God wants for them.

These walls can be physical, emotional, spiritual, or relational.

- Fear, doubt, unforgiveness, pride, sin, guilt, worry, hurt, trauma, complacency, unbelief, busyness, materialism, comparison, tradition, addiction, spiritual apathy

Each of these walls can seem unmovable, but like Jericho, they fall when faith, obedience, and God's presence take their rightful place.

People "build walls" in their lives gradually—often without realizing it. These walls form as a way to protect, control, or hide, but they end up isolating and limiting spiritual growth.

Some common ways people build them include:

- Through hurt and disappointment, By holding on to unforgiveness, Through pride and self-reliance, By hiding sin or shame, Through fear, By neglecting prayer and Scripture, Through bitterness and resentment, By comparing or competing

These walls rarely appear overnight—they're built one brick at a time through choices, attitudes, and reactions.

So I ask you what you see today?

When Joshua looked at Jericho, he could see one of two things: He could see the walls and the impossibility of overcoming them or he could see what God saw. God saw the completed victory.

See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands - that's past tense.

People often see their "walls" as impossible to overcome because those barriers feel larger than their strength, experience, or faith.

From a human viewpoint, these walls do look impossible. But the story of Jericho reminds believers that what seems unmovable to man is nothing before God.

The same power that brought down Jericho's walls still brings down the walls of fear, sin, and doubt today.

The fall of Jericho teaches that no wall is too high, no obstacle too strong, and no situation too hopeless when God is in control. The same God who brought down Jericho's walls still brings down the walls that stand in the way of His promises today.

Isaiah 45:2 – "I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron."

2 Corinthians 10:4 – "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

Ephesians 2:14 – "For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."

Psalms 18:29 – "With Your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall."

Mark 10:27 – "With man it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."