

“The Power of a Worshiping People—Walls Destroyed”

Joshua 6:1-21

Central Thought: When Christians connect the “blockages” in their lives to Jesus, the walls fall down.

Observation—what does it say?

- 5:13—God sends a messenger to Joshua.
- 5:13—Joshua wants to know whose side the messenger is on.
- 5:14—The messenger is on “the Lord’s side” (His own side).
- Joshua then falls on his face.
- 5:15—Joshua removes his sandals on holy ground in God’s presence.
- 6:2-5—The Lord gives Joshua brief but clear instructions for the battle. As far as God is concerned, the Jericho battle is over before it has begun.
- 6:6-21—Joshua does exactly as he is told and the plan unfolds just as God said it would.

Interpretation—what does it mean?

- The Jericho story is a story about kinds of walls—physical and spiritual; inward and outward; visible and invisible.
- The lesson is that the Jericho walls that appeared to Joshua needed to be faced by first confronting the walls in Joshua’s own heart.
- In order for the walls of Jericho to fall the battle first had to become God-sided, God-connected.

Application—what does it mean for me?

- The walls that are blocking us (the visible, daily challenges) are best faced by first confronting the walls in our own hearts.
- The problem behind many of the problems in our lives is the wall that we have erected in order to guard our hearts and survive in living.
- What if the reason for some of the battles that I face, is me? What if I’m the one standing in the way of God’s answer because I will not let down the walls in my own heart?

Word bank: answer, appear, behind, exactly, face, heart, instructions, invisible, inward, Lord’s, me, messenger, sandals, side, sized, two

For home groups / personal meditation

- Make a list of some things that you tend to view as small issues that God might view as much larger issues.

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- Make another list of issues that you see as large giants that God sees as already “delivered into your hands” if you will only connect it to Him.

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Lay your hands on these lists and ask Jesus to refocus your heart in these areas.

- Think about the outward walls you are facing right now. What inward walls might be related to it?
- What inward walls might God want to deal with before He deals with the outward ones?
- Are you resisting the HS inwardly in such a way that you are restraining God’s power in certain situations that you are facing and only adding to the problems?