

## “What does Joshua 6 have to say to me?”

*Jericho principles still apply. (1) We need to search out, listen to, accept, and adopt the divine strategy for victory, revealed in all the Scriptures, the living and enduring Word of God. (2) Because Christ is the Commander, our job is to trust him, believing his wonderful promises, and to obey him with detailed, meticulous attention. We don't have to know always why we are called to a certain course of action, but just that if God's Word says it, we need to obey it. (3) The battle belongs to the Lord. He knows the end from the beginning, and he knows exactly how he will bring us there. Nothing is ever outside his sovereign control, and “we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). As Charles Spurgeon observed, “if everything works together for our good, then nothing is left to work for our ill.” (4) We are not to waste time or energy speculating or trying to imagine how God might achieve what seems to us to be frankly impossible. No one would have thought of God's Jericho strategy in a million years. Joshua did not have to engineer the victory; God gave it. Our problem is that so often we substitute our plans for God's priorities, and we foolishly convince ourselves that our ingenuity can be a replacement for our obedience. But Jericho will not yield to any power except the sovereign authority of the Lord, appropriated by us, his people, in our march of obedience and our shout of faith.*

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Entering into the fullness of God's promises

### **Study 5: Power and Promise**

Joshua 6:1-27

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## Topics for Discussion

### Study 5: Power and Promise

1. Jot down five of God's promises that have direct relevance to your life today.
2. Reflect on your answer to question 1. How confident are you that God will keep His promises to you personally and perfectly? What might cause your confidence to wobble? What happens when/if it does?
3. In Joshua 6 how does God strengthen the confidence of Joshua and Israel? What is His purpose?
4. *“The massacre of the Canaanites in “Joshua” is morally indistinguishable from Hitler’s invasion of Poland or Saddam Hussein’s massacre of the Kurds and the marsh Arabs”* What do you think?
5. What have you learned in Joshua 6 that will impact your Christian life this week?

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