

Entering the Promised Land: The Walls Come Tumbling Down

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[Joshua 6:1-5, 10-11, 14-17, 20](#)

1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. 2 Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 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 (*rams horns, shofars*). 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in." 6-9... 10 But Joshua had commanded the people, "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!" 11 So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there. 12-13... 14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. 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. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! 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. 18-19... 20 When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

Walls tumble in our lives when we...

1. FOLLOW GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

In other words, Trust in the Lord and Follow His Will.

[Joshua 6:3-5](#)

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[Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

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2. DO MORE, TALK LESS

In other words, Actions speak louder than words.

[Joshua 6:10](#)

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3. ANTICIPATE GOD'S VICTORY

In other words, Take the City for God's Glory!

[Joshua 6:20-21](#)

20 When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. 21 They devoted the city to the Lord...

[Psalms 98:6](#)

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the Lord, the King.