

“God’s **PRINCIPLES** for Success in the Unknown Ahead”

Lessons from **JOSHUA**

chapter 6



CONFRONTING YOUR JERICOH’S



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MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge [*cleanse*] himself from these [*“vessels for dishonor”* i.e. corrupting influences (v. 20)], he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified [*set apart*], and meet [*useful*] for the **Master’s** use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

Our **purpose** is to be “vessels” that are **“fit for the Master’s use.”**



How will we be successful? How will we be able to faithfully follow after Him and be a useful vessel that is fit for His use?

In order to accomplish this purpose, we are to seek to be diligent in our **purity**, keeping from corrupting influences, and also intentionally **pursue** Christlike qualities with others who practice Christlike influence.

Lesson #1: Obedience to the Word: we are to diligently and faithfully obey God’s Word

Lesson #2: Dynamic Faith: we are to intentionally put our faith into action.

Lesson #3: Steps of Faith: we are to prayerfully step out in faith trusting the Lord to guide our steps.

Lesson #4: Memorial Stones: we are to intentionally remind ourselves of God’s goodness and faithfulness.

Lesson #5: Renewed Priorities: we are to daily renew our faith through humble obedience and dependence on the Lord.

Confronting Our **Jericho's** of Thought (Joshua 6)



What are the Jericho's of thought—the anti-God fortresses of thought that hinder your spiritual growth and bring defeat instead of victory in your Christian life?

Proverbs 23:7a For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: ...

I. **Man's **Problem** that hinders VICTORY** (2 Corinthians 10:5a)

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations [*deceptive thoughts based upon human reasoning*], and every high thing [*fortresses of thought*] that exalteth itself [*rebelling – something raised up in pride as opposed to humble submission*] against the knowledge of **God**, ...

II. **God's **Proposition** that encourages VICTORY** (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 For though we walk [*live*] in the flesh, we do not war after [*by means of*] the flesh [*implying weakness*]: **4** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [*physical*], but mighty [*powerful*] through **God** to the pulling down [*destruction*] of strong holds [*fortresses*];)

Romans 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through **Him** that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of **God**, which is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of **God** overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

III. **God's **Process** that leads to VICTORY** (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Isaiah 55:8-9 For **My** thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways **My** ways, saith the **LORD**. **9** For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so *are* **My** ways higher than your ways, and **My** thoughts than your thoughts.

2 Corinthians 10:5 Casting down [*destroying*] imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of **God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of **Christ**;

- A. **Cast Down** the fortresses of thought by **Subduing** them—
“*cast down*”

Subdue these anti-God fortresses of thought by overpowering them with the superior force of God’s truth.

- B. **Captivate** your thought process by **Surrendering** them—
“*bring into captivity*”

Surrender these anti-God fortresses of thought by deliberately refusing to pursue my way of thinking.

- C. **Capitulate** to Christ by **Submitting** to Him—“*every thought to the obedience of Christ*”

Submission of these anti-God fortresses of thought by intentionally advancing God’s way of thinking.

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, **think on these things**. 9 Those things [*that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report*], which ye have both learned [*by reading the Word of God and*], and received [*into your mind and heart*], and heard [*listening to the Word faithfully preached*], and seen in me, **do**: and the **God** of peace shall be with you.



God’s **PROMISE FOR SUCCESS** in the unknown ahead is also realized through **CONFRONTING OUR JERICO’S OF THOUGHT**.

We must understand **OUR PROBLEM** of anti-God thinking that hinders our victory. We must rely upon **GOD’S PROMISE** that encourages our victory. We must be obedient to **GOD’S PROCESS** that leads to victory. **CAST DOWN** the fortresses of thought by subduing them; **CAPTIVATE** your thought processes by surrendering them; and **CAPITULATE** to Christ by submitting to Him.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Ephesians 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!