

Jericho
Joshua 6

Where we stand – on victory ground, Gilgal, the beach head to victorious living.
Our goal → to possess our possessions Philippians 3:12

Who are we and what do we have?

1. We have a new nature – born _____ I Peter 1:23
2. The eyes of _____ being enlightened Ephesians 1:18
3. Transferred out of kingdom of _____ into _____ Colossians 1:13
4. We have been declared _____ Romans 4:5
5. I am _____ with Christ Galatians 2:20
 - a. Our _____ was crucified with Him that the body of sin might be _____ Rom 6:6
 - b. We are _____ to the law. Romans 7:4
 - c. Crucified to the _____ Galatians 6:14
 - d. Sin no longer has _____ Romans 6:14
6. We are _____ with Christ and _____ with Him. Ephesians 1:20
7. Given Spirit of God as a _____ 2 Cor 1:22
8. Adopted as a son and _____ with Christ. Romans 8:17
9. Nothing can separate us from _____ of God. Romans 8:39
10. We are _____ in Him. Col 2:9
11. We are _____ to God Col 1:21
12. All our _____ have been removed. Psalm 103:12
13. There is no _____ . Romans 8:1
14. God always causes us to _____ . 2 Cor 2:14
15. We are more than _____ Romans 8:37
16. He who is in you is greater than he that is in the world. I John 4:4

We need to begin to act on the truth of these statements and believe them to be true because God said it!

But Jericho looms!

What is your Jericho?

Relationships, sickness, sinful habits, circumstances that seem to be a barrier to spiritual progress.

Some questions to ask ourselves.

1. Were all the battles the Israelites fought done the same way?
2. Why the silence?
3. Where was the ark of God during the march?
4. What did the people see as they marched around the walls?
5. What did God see as He went with them?

Lessons to be Learned

1. God often wants you to see that the fight is an impossible one, humanly speaking.
 - a. One of the first steps is to acknowledge your inability.
 - i. Relationships – we cannot get inside and change how other people think
 - ii. Many (most?) circumstances in life are outside our control.
 - iii. What are some things we can control?
 - b. God must be present as He was with the Israelites.
2. Jericho didn't fall by doing nothing.
 - a. See Colossians 1:29 and Philippians 2:12
 - b. What we do needs to be done in God's way, using God's methods and weapons.
 - i. Fight the good fight of faith. I Timothy 6:12
 - ii. Put on the whole armor of God. Ephesians 6
3. God's weapons are mighty and powerful.
 - a. See 2 Corinthians 10:4
 - b. What are some strongholds that are to be pulled down?
4. Purpose of the victory is God's glory
 - a. Our goals, aspirations and dreams must become secondary to God's glory.
 - b. See I Cor. 6:20
 - c. Luke 9:23 We are to deny ourselves
 - d. It comes down to two things _____ and _____.

All of the struggles and all of the battles always funnel down to our response to what God is doing in our lives and whether we will do these two things. We started out talking about what was out of our control, the battle always focuses on our faith and obedience at the crucial point where God is working.

 - i. The children of Israel were obedient to _____ and to _____
 1. Obedience is key. I Samuel 15:22
 - ii. Do we trust God?
 1. God's ways and our ways differ. Isaiah 55:9
 2. Nothing can stand against Him. Deut 7:24; Deut 11:25
 3. God motivates and moves people. Prov 21:1
 4. He accomplishes all He desires to do. Daniel 4:34
 5. God's wisdom is unsearchable and perfect. Romans 11:37
 6. What did God tell Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9

When we do things God's way, the battle is won in God's way. It may not turn out the way we expected, but it accomplishes the purposes that He had in mind. Are we willing to submit to that?

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear...
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
(from Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart)