

## Bringing Down the Walls

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.”  
Heb. 11:30

Often we find walls between where we are and what God has promised. This is by design. He didn't promise it would be easy. However, if we exercise our faith we will have what he promised.

There are lessons to be learned in the story of Joshua and the children of Israel at Jericho. If we learn them and follow them, we will see our own walls fall and our own promises fulfilled.

### 1. Don't dwell on your inability.

To bring down our walls, we must not consider our own lack. Instead, we must dwell on His ability, and how his ability is available.

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me...for when I am weak, I am strong.” (2 Cor. 12: 9-10)

### 2. Don't dwell on past failure.

All of us have past experiences where we failed in life. Maybe we even asked for something we did not receive. Our faith will never rise above our focus. If we focus on the walls, they become stronger and more impenetrable. This is where the spies failed the first time. They saw the fruit of the land as well as the giants, and chose to consider the giants more so than the promise and power of God.

The next generation under Joshua knew better, and they would not make the same mistakes of unbelief again.

### 3. Don't meditate on what you don't know.

This is a point of frustration for us. We meditate on how to conquer Jericho rather than meditating on the word as God told us to do. What we must always do is meditate on the word of God, not on the walls or the giants.

We don't know the plan to bring down the walls, but God does. Don't try to figure it out. Follow His instructions and meditate in the word day and night, so when He gives the plan, you'll know His voice.

Not only that, but with the word first in our minds, everything else is secondary. We know that God is able, and success is certain. (Josh. 1:8)

#### 4. Expect the unexpected.

Anticipate the unusual. Be willing to do what may be undesirable or make no sense (Isa. 55:8-9). Joshua was given a battle plan that in the natural was foolish, but God uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. (1 Cor. 1:27) Our faith is often tested by the ability to follow unexpected instructions.

That doesn't mean we have to seek to do something that makes no sense. Instead, let the direction from God come to you (Josh. 5:13-14).

To get what you've never had, you can't do what you've always done. You must stand out from the crowd of average believers that want something for nothing. You have to put forth the effort. Bringing down the walls requires faith, and faith requires action. Greater faith brings greater results.