

## *Faith in Action*

### *Part 10*

***“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.” (Hebrews 11:30)***

It is so amazing that the people of God they were able to get a giant city like Jericho with high walls and strong gates without fighting and without breaking even one stone. They did it only by faith unto God and they expressed that faith as obedience to God’s commands. You will read and study how the events went forth and how God’s people receive the victory, so that you can apply these lessons in your life:

***“13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” 14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” 15 The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so. 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. 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.” (Joshua 5:13-6:5)***

***1- God had no respect to man:*** When Joshua asked the commander of the army of the Lord ***“Are you for us or for our enemies?”*** His answer was as the following: ***“Neither.”*** God’s word to Joshua was simple, ***“Neither.”*** Therefore Joshua understood that God will not favour him over his enemies if he is not obedient to the Lord. God is with you as long as you are with him, but if you disobey and forsake Him, He will also forsake you, ***“The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.” (2Chronicles 15:2b)***

***2- God observe Holiness:*** When Joshua asked the commanders of God’s army ***“What message does my Lord have for his servant?” 15 The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.*** At that time taking off the sandals was sign of holiness and reverence to the presence of God. But the message does not teach us to take off sandals when we worship God as way of holiness as some believers do practice. But the message does teach us that holiness is before service or ministry. The Lord before He spoke His message to Joshua he wanted Joshua to realize that holiness is so important to God before a man is qualified and enabled to serve God. The same for you God will use you effectively and you will see great miracles when you live holy life.

***2- Nothing is impossible with God: “1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.” (Joshua 6:1)*** It was impossible for them as army to penetrate the city easily or in short time. But God promised them to give them the city, ***“2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.” (Joshua 6:2)*** Keep abiding with God and His word, and His promises will flow smoothly in your life.

***4- God’s ways are not your ways:*** The following is what God did and his arrangement to make the city wall fall down, ***“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. 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.” (Joshua 6:3-5)*** God did not ask them to use arsenal and machines to demolish the wall. God instead used their faith in Him to make them witness a great miracle of God. God said, ***“8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55: 8-9)*** Certain times you might stumble with your own ways and your own understanding, and this will block your ability to learn new things from God and how to manage your life and solve big problems with simple measures, ***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (Proverbs 3:5)***

***5- God chose the foolish things to shame the wise; God chose the weak things to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are:*** God will use things that you might not be at all thinking of or confident that they can be helpful. ***“18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” 20 Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength. 26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him.” (1Corinthians 1:18-29)*** God will always do that so that no man in his effort or power can boast over the Almighty God.

***6- The Authority of God’s word:*** Joshua and the rest of the Israelites should have trust in the word that they received from God for victory. God’s word had authority and will accomplish what ordained for it to accomplish: ***“10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It***

*will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

**7- There are careful and timetable instructions from God’s word that you need to follow carefully in order for you to receive and enjoy the victory:** Joshua and the Israelites were bound with God’s timetable instructions that finally brought the wall of Jericho down to the ground as you can read in the following: **“6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.” 7 And he ordered the people, “Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD.” 8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD’s covenant followed them. 9 The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. 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 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding. 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 But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. 19 All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury.” 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.” (Joshua 6:6-20)** Your faithfulness to respond to timely instructions and abide with them, will secure that those blocking walls will fall down ahead of you, and will secure to you to go forth and receive what God had promised to you in His word.

**My Dear and Beloved:** Faith is needed for you for the following reasons:

- 1- To cross hardships and difficulties.
- 2- To deal with and overcome your enemies.
- 3- To reach safely your destination and conquer what God had ordained for you to conquer.

Put your faith into action and translate it into holiness, obedience to timely instructions, and full trust and reliance on God’s word and direction as you agree to pray.

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**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that encourages me so much to go on in life. Lord I put my faith into action by pursuing holiness, abiding with your instructions and obeying fully your word and trusting you that you will be the one to make walls fall down and enable to reach and conquer what you had ordained for me to receive. Uphold me with your grace and sustain me with good health, strength, faith and perseverance to continue to go on in serving you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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**“22 “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. 23 “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”**

**(Mark 11:22-24)**

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