

Sermon Notes – January 12, 2025

Overcoming with God's Resources Joshua 6.1-5

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Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. ²But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. ³You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. ⁴Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. ⁵When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

...for you have not passed this way before. Joshua 3.4 ESV

March, Blow, Shout

I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors...**then** the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town. Joshua 6.2,5b NLT

GOD ASKS US TO TRUST HIM WHEN WE FACE OBSTACLES

The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, **lest Israel boast** over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' - Judges 7.2 NLT

GOD DOESN'T JUST ASK US TO TRUST HIM, HE ALSO GIVES US RESOURCES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. - 2 Corinthians 10.4 ESV

Two things to remember:

1. We shouldn't be surprised by obstacles

...here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows... - John 16.33b NLT

...makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. - Matthew 5.45 ESV

2. There is an invisible reality at play

For we are not fighting against **flesh-and-blood** enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the **unseen** world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. - Ephesians 6.12 NLT

What are God's invisible resources?

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. - Ephesians 6.10 ESV

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication - Ephesians 6.13-18 ESV

- Belt of truth
- Breastplate of righteousness
- Shoes of peace
- Shield of faith
- Helmet of salvation
- Sword of the Spirit
(the word of God)

WE CAN OVERCOME BY USING THE INVISIBLE RESOURCES THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US

28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. - Matthew 11.28-30 ESV

...God is not a God of disorder, but of peace. - 1 Corinthians 14.33 ESV

...he was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because **there is no truth in him**. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, **for he is a liar and the father of lies**. - John 8.44 ESV

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down**, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. - Revelation 12.10-11

The invisible resources that God gives us are more powerful than our physical resources.

I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. **Nothing would be impossible**. - Matthew 17.20b

For everyone who has been born of God **overcomes** the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. - 1 John 5.4 ESV