

# A DEEPER DIVE

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**Micah 6:8** – He has shown you, oh mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. – NIV.

**Prayer Focus** – Each day this week as you meet with your savior. When you do, lift up in prayer the places in the world where there is war and little hope, also the missionaries that you know of and support. Pray for our nation and our leaders, and also your local church and community. Pray daily for our Pastors and Elders. Finally, follow the instruction in Philippians 4:4-7 make your prayer personal. Remember 1 Peter 5:7.

**Monday: Reading** – Joshua 6:1-2

**Consider this** – “Have handed”

Last week I mentioned that this wording is in the “present perfect” tense. If you look up a definition of this phrasing, Grammarly says that this tense is, “An ongoing action that started in the past but has not yet been completed. This is the primary usage of the present perfect tense, which demonstrates the relationship between an action started in the past and its effects on the present.”

What is the “ongoing action”? Describe when this action started. In what way is this action that started in the past still ongoing, not completed? What will it take to complete this action?

**Tuesday: Reading** – Joshua 6:1-3; Deuteronomy 31:18; Psalm 139:1-6

**Consider this** – Decision time!

The ESV study Bible notes say that even though Joshua hears that the Lord has taken the initiative, “this does not annul the importance of God’s people acting on his commands.” Joshua could just say, “Awesome! We got this!” And then sit back in Gilgal and wait for the Lord to finish the work. But the Lord doesn’t include that in the instructions. In verse 3, God tells Joshua, “You shall march...”

Read what Moses tells Joshua in Deuteronomy 13. Do you think that verse 18 is applicable to only Joshua, or does it have an application to all followers of God? Explain your thinking. David’s statement in Psalm 139 is very well known. What comfort does this bring to you when you are facing the unknown?

**Wednesday: Reading** – Joshua 6:1-2

**Consider this** – The City

Why Jericho? The ESV notes say that Jericho “is one of the oldest known fortified cities...well supplied with spring water... an oasis...the city of palms.” The notes continue to mention that “the word Jericho sounds like the Hebrew word for ‘moon’... Jericho may have been a center of moon worship.” So the destruction of Jericho “would have suggested victory over the false gods of Canaan.”

What does this section tell us about what is important to God?

What does this section tell us about our partnership in the work of God?

What does this section tell us about our responsibility in God's plan to spread the Gospel throughout the world, starting in our own homes and neighborhoods?

**Thursday: Reading** – Joshua 6:3-5

**Consider this** – What is God creating?

Seven priests, seven trumpets, seventh day, seven times. One cannot read this without thinking back to Genesis 1 and 2. What is God creating, or redeeming, in the book of Joshua?

Being the leader of the nation of Israel, and the military leader, Joshua, no doubt, had consulted with his generals and devised a plan to battle against Jericho. I wonder what he was thinking when he saw the city barred against him? The Lord tells Joshua what to do to win the battle. There are two interesting responses Joshua has in chapter 5 and 6 that show what kind of man and leader he is.

In chapter 5, when the commander of the "army of the Lord" identifies himself, what is Joshua's response? In chapter 6, when the Lord tells Joshua what he needs to do to defeat Jericho, what does Joshua do? In our lives we make plans, we have our to-do lists, and we have responsibilities and obligations. When we read about Joshua's responses in chapter 5 and 6 what example does he provide that we can follow?

**Friday: Reading** – Joshua 6:6-7; 1 Samuel 17; 2 Chronicles 20:1-29

**Consider this** – Joshua gives the orders

I wonder what the soldiers were thinking when Joshua gave his orders. They were, unquestionably, geared up for war against the city. They were prepared, as all soldiers in battle must be, for a heavy fight and the possibility of many casualties. Instead, they march around the city. The text makes it clear, and maybe the soldiers realize this, that the ark of the Lord is the most important thing here, just like it was when they crossed the Jordan. When you read 1 Samuel 17, pay close attention to verses 45-47.

What does the ark of the Lord represent to these people? How does the Holy Spirit serve a similar purpose in the lives of believers today? If we are missing out on spiritual victory, what might we really be missing?

**Saturday: Reading** – Joshua 6:1-7

**Consider this** – Claiming the victory

Warren Wiersbe says, "There can be no victory for the Lord in public unless we experience worship of the Lord in private. Joshua fell on his face in worship; he took off his shoes in humility; and he turned all his plans over to his Commander when he said, 'What does my Lord say to His servant?' As Christian soldiers, we must submit to Christ and listen to His orders in the Word. Christ gave to Joshua the exact orders for overcoming the city, and all he had to do was obey by faith...but the people had to step out by faith and claim the victory."

**Sunday:** Go to church with the anticipation of hearing from the Lord.

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