

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 6:6-7; Exodus 3-4.

Consider this – Heard, Said, Did.

Joshua heard from the Lord the battle plan. Next, Joshua relayed that plan to the priests. Then Joshua gave instructions to the people. Do you find this interesting? The narrative here is somewhat spare, we don't get insight on what the priests or the people were thinking when they heard Joshua's instructions. We do find out that apparently there was no committee or think-tank brought in to discuss the pros and cons of the plan.

In the book of Exodus, we have the story of when Moses was called by God. Reread that story and contrast Moses and Joshua and their response to God's instruction. Why do you think Joshua is different? What do you think of the people accepting Joshua's word and acting on it?

Tuesday: Reading – Joshua 6:6-9; Exodus 3-4.

Consider this – What? No plan B?

One of the things we either learn by experience, or by someone telling us, is we always need a Plan B. Also that we should always, "keep our options open." Joshua doesn't want or ask for these things. There is no contingency plan in Joshua's mind. He is told by the Lord what to do, and he acts on it. In Exodus, Moses, on the other hand, is full of excuses and the "what if" scenarios. How many questions does Moses ask God in Exodus 3-4 in an effort to get out of doing what God is calling him to do?

Wednesday: Reading – Joshua 6:10-11

Consider this – What a strange sight.

Imagine you are in Jericho looking over the walls. You see the army of Israel, the priests carrying the Ark. They walk all around the city and then go back to camp. The soldiers aren't yelling, they are just marching. But the seven priests are blowing trumpets. What would you think? At first, you'd probably expect the army to attack. But they don't. After that was over, I wonder what the talk in Jericho would have been? What would people be saying? Also, Rahab, no doubt, had seen the army marching, or at least heard of it. I wonder what she was thinking about right then. What did she do? What would you do? Would you start gathering your family? Would you wait and see what was next?

Thursday: Reading – Joshua 6:12-14

Consider this – Rinse and repeat.

This scenario of the ark, the marching army, the priests blowing trumpets happens for six days. After the initial confusion I wonder if the people in the city were filled with some kind of bravado. “Is that all they’re going to do?” They might have been thinking or saying to each other. They may have started shouting taunts at the army. Perhaps some of them shot arrows as the army marched around. Also, I wonder what the army was thinking as they finished each day’s march? The text does not tell us that Joshua told the people the entire story. He told them to march, and blow trumpets, but not to shout until he commanded it. What do you think they were thinking or talking to one another about?

Friday: Reading – Joshua 6:1-14; 21-25.

Consider this – The Lord’s and the Lord’s alone

In the book, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*, the authors draw our attention to Jericho. They say, “Don’t miss the important features of the well-known account of the fall of Jericho—that it is God’s victory altogether; that, except for the trumpets, the role of Israel’s army is quite nonmilitary; that it is the first fruits of victory, and therefore everything in the city belongs to God (the city itself is burned as a thing “devoted...to the Lord”; its precious stones and metals will go into the Lord’s house.” What does this idea of “first fruits” remind you of? By not making this a military victory, what do you think the Lord is trying to show the Israelis?

Saturday: Reading – Joshua 6:1-14

Consider this – Victory over the enemy.

In explaining the whole of the victory over Jericho (verses 1-25) Wiersbe breaks it down into the following parts.

- A. They obeyed their leaders
- B. They had patience and faith
- C. They trusted God for the impossible
- D. They obeyed Him in every detail.

If the people would have skipped or took a short-cut on one of these areas, what would have happened? How can we exercise these same principles in our lives today in order to see victory?

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

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