

Falling Walls - Part 3

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Joshua 6:1-5; 12-20 (NIV)

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 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. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 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. So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days. 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. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! 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. 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. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury." When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

Do you like face masks? Are they helping me or others?

We can feel guilty or selfish when we think about others in need.

It's so important that we take care of ourselves so that we can help others. Put your mask on first.

This series is about us keeping healthy so that we can help so many others.

Worship will Tear down the Walls

Worship was a key factor as they marched around the city.

Will God do what he said he would do? We're asking that today too in this season.

How long will this battle last?

Why did Joshua make the worship team the focus? Why not the soldiers?

These walls are about to fall. Their worship is going to do it.

Our worship will defeat the enemy.

He will bring us through. Positioning us to help others

Let's consider the type of worship that brought the victory...

#1 Walls fall when we listen to the right voices

Worship isn't just the songs we sing it's the voices we listen to.

You're going to hear negativity.

Choosing whether you listen to it is a different thing.

It's more powerful to decide who we're not going to be than who we are going to be.

Who do we need to say we are not today? "That's not me!"

I'm not negative. I'm not a defeatist.

That's not me. Today I'm starting to change. Tear down that stronghold.

What does the Father say about you?

Mark 4:24 (NIV)

"Consider carefully what you hear", he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you - and even more"

Consider carefully what we hear.

IKON herd immunity. We're not listening.

Not today devil...I'm not listening!
Walls fall when we listen to the right voices.

#2 Walls fall when we obey

Worship includes our acts of obedience.

They defeated a city and a large army...because they obeyed.

There are miracles in our future.

The next battle they lost because they didn't obey. They forgot the power of process,
the power of obedience

There's an enemy that wants to deflect us from God.
We get tempted to focus on other things.

God is with us and he'll never abandon us

Joshua 1:5 (NIV)

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

The promise. The miracle is not our part, but God's part.

The unexpected help is coming.
Ask. God knows what we are facing.
The miracle is God's part. Obedience is our part.

Our worship and faithfulness will never change.
The kind of worship, obedience, that will tear down the walls.

Don't get talked out of your miracle. Are you ready?! I'm ready!!

#3 Walls fall when our shout begins

Joshua 6:16; 20 (NIV)

The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

What's your shout right now?
In this season?

Shout because the Lord has given you the city.

Shout before the walls come down.
Praise before the battle is won.

If you have the audacity to believe, God has the ability to perform.

Our shout is our declaration of what God is about to do!

God wants us to get used to declaring, to confessing.
What do we need to declare today?

In situations like this God always comes through.

God will fight for you.
Nothing is impossible with God.
He has no limits. He's not limited by our mistakes. He's not discouraged by our fears.
He knew all of that...and yet he included us, to work in us and through us.

Let your shout be about what God is going to do today.

Join me in a shout today!! These are falling Walls!!

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Joshua make the worship team the focus?
- Why is obedience a key factor in our worship and to the miracle breakthrough?
- Discuss, "Worship isn't just the songs we sing...it's the voices we listen to"
- What is your shout, your confession today?