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## VICTORY AT JERICHO

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ[.]” (2 Corinthians 10:4–5)*

### Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God wanted what was best for His nation. His plans for the good of the Israelites required their faith and obedience. God’s deliverance is different from man’s expectations.
<i>Knowledge of God’s Divine Nature</i>	God is almighty. His thoughts are higher than our own.
<i>Good Works</i>	Make God the Commander in our lives. Tear down any strongholds that keep us apart from Him. Learn full obedience by giving to God and putting Him first.

### A. Jericho

Jericho was a significant city in its time, and it may have been ideal to live in by worldly standards. However, the Bible tells us that Canaan was spiritually lost. Their sins were so great that the land itself was defiled. So, as God judged Sodom and Gomorrah, it was now time to cast His judgment on Jericho.

### B. The Commander of the Army of the Lord

God promised to send an Angel to clear the way for the Israelites. Victory was already promised to them before they even entered Canaan! This was the power of the Commander of the Lord’s army.

1. *Joshua’s reaction:* Joshua showed three key aspects of our servitude: God is our Commander; holiness is key; and we need a humble and obedient heart.
2. *God’s promise and reassurance:* Despite Jericho’s military strength, it was already set to fall, and its people’s defeat already ordained by God.

### C. Marching Around Jericho

God’s instructions may have felt foolish, confusing, or even embarrassing, but the Israelites’ obedience to God’s command was crucial to their victory.

1. *The Israelites acted with faith:* The Israelites endured the silent march for seven days, and as a result, “[by] faith, the walls of Jericho fell down” (Heb 11:30).
2. *The Israelites acted with persistent obedience:* If the Israelites had given up on the sixth day, they would not have witnessed the destruction of the city. It is important to obey without cutting corners, and to obey Him consistently, each day.

### D. The Destruction of Jericho

1. *Victory from God:* God has repeatedly told His people that obedience to Him will bring forth blessings. A clear example can be seen in God’s faithful preservation of Rahab and her family.
2. *Acknowledging God’s victory:* Jericho was the very first city that God conquered for the Israelites. But there was a valuable lesson for them to learn: the firstfruits must go to God. This is an act of acknowledgment that all things come from God.

### Life Application

1. Who Is the Commander in Your Life?
2. Tearing Down Walls
3. Giving to God and Putting Him First

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## Lesson 9 Homework Assignment

### Victory at Jericho

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (2 Corinthians 10:4–5):

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1. What is “every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God” in our daily lives?
2. “Now it shall come to pass, if you \_\_\_\_\_ obey the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord your God, to \_\_\_\_\_ carefully all His \_\_\_\_\_ which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you \_\_\_\_\_ above all \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 28:1)
3. What are two possible reasons the Israelites had to walk around the city in silence?
4. God promised victory, but what two things did the Israelites need in order to experience this?
5. Why do we sometimes fail to make God the Commander of our lives?
6. What are “strongholds” in our lives? How do we tear them down?