

SPIRITUAL WARFARE 10

Focused Living Ministries



JOSHUA REVIEW (1) Do what I tell you! (2) Trust Me! (3) Consecrate: Be clean. Focus your heart/mind on Me! (4-5) Remember My promises, protection, power, provision.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD.”

Zech 4:6

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”

Luke 16:10

Victory in great things starts with obedience in little things. God often uses small things to accomplish great things for His glory. Great moves of God are almost always preceded by small acts of obedience. When God wants to do something totally awesome He calls an **improbable man**, assigns him an **impossible task**, gives him an **immediate obstacle** to overcome using an **insane method** often with a seemingly **inadequate resources**. God is not looking for new methods to do great things; He is searching for new men in Christ who will trust His great faithfulness (II Cor 5:17). Why? So that He gets the **GLORY**, others see/hear the **GOSPEL** and we get the **GROWTH!**

JOSHUA 6:1-20 By His grace God physically and spiritually saved 2.5 million of His people out of 400 brutal years as Egyptian slaves as well as slavery to their sin. Then for 40 years He lovingly led, fed, guided and provided for each of them in the wilderness. He chose Joshua to lead them because he feared the Lord’s authority with reverent respect and trusted His plan to cross the flooded Jordan River to start a new season of life in the rich, beautiful land He had promised. The first obstacle the people encountered was the very small city (7 acres/6 football fields) of Jericho with 1500 total people (400 soldiers) having stout walls 30 feet high and 6-12 feet thick. Israel had 600,000 men (Num 11:21) with a standing army of at least 40,000 (Josh 4:13) making the city an ‘easy’ target having a 400:1 military advantage. If you were Joshua what would have been your natural tendency with such overwhelming military might? But what did God ask him to do? Why? How would you feel if God gave you a similar assignment? Why? How would taking Jericho by spiritual praise rather than military might cause God’s people to focus His character instead of circumstances in future bigger battles to come? Where do you need to focus on His character rather than circumstances? Why does God call us first to be faithful in a little thing before asking us to succeed at a big thing? What little acts of obedience has God asked to see if you can be trusted with greater, more difficult things as a man, husband, father and leader?

God cares deeply and loves to bless the small things His people give/do to bless others to carry on His work in the world. What other small things has God used to do great things for His glory?

I Corinthians 1:27-29

II Corinthians 4:7-18

I Samuel 17:40

I Kings 17:12

Matthew 13:32

Exodus 4:2

John 2:7

John 6:6-14

Mark 12:41–44

SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT! 5 very practical things you can do!

S _____ in an environment of noise/activity (10-11; Ps 46:10)

H _____ in a culture of pride (3-9; Prov 16:18; I Pet 5:5-7; Is 55:8)

O _____ in a world of “why” (16-19; Hebrews 5:8; John 14:21)

U _____ in an era of confusion (20; Prov 9:10; Josh 7)

T _____ in a day of skepticism (2, 27; Prov 3:5-6; Heb 11:30)

TAG TEAM DISCUSSION 1 What is your greatest take away? **2** Are you daily being silent before God in order to listen? **3** What small acts of obedience has God called you to do? **4** Where has God asked you to do something that does not go along with how the world does it?

“The good news is you’ll stay here. The bad news is your luggage has gone to hell.”

