

**“Go: Living a Life of Courage, Obedience, and Faith”
Part 2 – A Lesson on Living a Life of Obedience**

Joshua 5:13-6:11

Hebrews 11:30 – By faith the walls of Jericho fell,
after the people had marched around them for seven days.

Series Summary

Our main objective through this series is to examine different examples of **Courage, Faith, and Obedience** in the life of Joshua. These examples will help us understand how we can live a similar life of courage, faith, and obedience even in the most difficult of trials that we must face. Where does our courage come from in these times? It comes from the promise of the Living God for all of those who choose to seek Him, obey Him, and Carry out His Will.

**Big Idea: A Life of Obedience to the Lord
Leads to a Life of Victory**

Series Theme Passage

- **Joshua 1:9** – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Sermon Passages to Examine

Joshua 5:13-15, 6:1-21

Living a Life of Obedience

Step #1 – Be Inspired to Obey for the Lord is Sovereign

- **Joshua 5:13-15** – ¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" ¹⁴ "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" ¹⁵ The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.
- **Key Point** – We should all be inspired to obey the Lord because of the simple fact that God is sovereign over all things and He is in control. It is not a matter of whether God is on our side but whether or not we are on His side.

Step #2 – Be Encouraged to Obey for the Lord Has Already Given Victory

- **Joshua 6:1-2** – ¹ Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. ² Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men."

- **Key Point** – We should all be encouraged to obey the Lord because of the simple fact that the victory has already been won. God is sovereign over all things and He is in control. We may not win the immediate battle but the ultimate victory in our life has already been won through Jesus Christ.

Step #3 – Desire to Obey in Order to Give Glory to God

- **Joshua 6:3-11** – “³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴ 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. ⁵ When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in.” ⁶ So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." ⁷ And he ordered the people, "Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD." ⁸ When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them. ⁹ The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. ¹⁰ But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" ¹¹ So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there.
- **Key Point** – We should all desire to obey the Lord in order to give God all the glory. Obedience brings God glory even when we may not desire to obey. May His will be done in all things and all ways.

Step #4 – Realize that Obedience Always Brings Victory

- **Joshua 6:15-17,20-21** – ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! ¹⁷ 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. ²⁰ When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. ²¹ They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.
- **Key Point** – We should all be inspired to obey the Lord because Obedience always brings victory. God will bring victory to your life if you willingly obey Him. The question is not whether victory will come, the question is: Are you listening to the Lord?

Memory Verse

- **Hebrews 11:30** – By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

Series Application

Remember the Lord: As we approach the end of the year and anticipate the trials and triumphs that will accompany a new year then take a moment each week through this series and begin making a list of the different ways that God has blessed, provided, encouraged, or strengthened you. Put this list in your Bible and continue to add to it. Courage, Faith, and Obedience all have this in common: **Remember the Lord!**

