

# **JOSHUA**

## **WEEK 6**

### **THE LORD SAYS...**

Joshua 6:1-5 (NLT) Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. 2 But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. 3 You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. 4 Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. 5 When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

### **WHAT IS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT ABOUT THE LORD SPEAKING HERE?**

### **ARE THE SPECIFICS IMPORTANT?**

### **WHAT IS THE FINAL TAKEAWAY?**

### **THE NEXT BATTLE...**

Joshua 7:2-5 (NLT) Joshua sent some of his men from Jericho to spy out the town of Ai, east of Bethel, near Beth-aven. 3 When they returned, they told Joshua, "There's no need for all of us to go up there; it won't take more than two or three thousand men to attack Ai. Since there are so few of them, don't make all our people struggle to go up there." 4 So approximately 3,000 warriors were sent, but they were soundly defeated. The men of Ai 5 chased the Israelites from the town gate as far as the quarries, and they killed about thirty-six who were retreating down the slope. The Israelites were paralyzed with fear at this turn of events, and their courage melted away.

### **WHY IS THE REPORT OF THE SPIES IMPORTANT HERE?**

### **WHAT WAS THE CAUSE AND THE RESULT?**

### **THE PERSONAL CHALLENGE...**

Joshua 7:10-12 (NLT) But the Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? 11 Israel has sinned and broken my covenant! They have stolen some of the things that I commanded must be set apart for me. And they have not only stolen them but have lied about it and hidden the things among their own belongings. 12 That is why the Israelites are running from their enemies in defeat. For now Israel itself has been set apart for destruction. I will not remain with you any longer unless you destroy the things among you that were set apart for destruction.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD CONFRONTS JOSHUA?**

### **WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN DISOBEDIENCE AND DEFEAT?**

### **WHAT PROMISE OF GOD IS IMPORTANT HERE?**

### **GUILT...**

Joshua 7:19-21 (NLT) Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don’t hide it from me.” 20 Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. 21 Among the plunder I saw a beautiful robe from Babylon, 200 silver coins, and a bar of gold weighing more than a pound. I wanted them so much that I took them. They are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest.”

### **HOW DID GOD REVEAL THE GUILTY PARTY?**

### **WHAT HAPPENS WITH CONFESSION?**

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN CONFESSION TAKES THE NEXT STEP?**