

“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”

PART 7:

“Where There’s a Wall, There’s a Way”

“The Place and Purpose of Obstacles on the Path of Faith”

(Hebrews 11:30; Joshua 1:1-6:27)

INTRODUCTION:

“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down...”

—Hebrews 11:30

1A. THE _____ AND _____ FOR EXTRAORDINARY FAITH:

1B. The _____ of Joshua (1:1-18)

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

—Joshua 1:9

2B. The _____ of Jericho (2:1-20)

“Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, ‘Go, view the land, especially Jericho.’”

—Joshua 2:1a

• A Different Strategy and a Different Result:

• The First Report (Numbers 13-14):

They _____ the barriers and _____ the blessings.
They weighed only the cost of doing _____ and lost sight of
the cost of doing _____. The people _____ the past,
were _____ with the present and _____ of the future.

• The Second Report (2:1-10):

A proper balance of _____ and _____.

3B. The _____ for the Journey (3:1-17)

“Then Joshua said to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.’”

—Joshua 3:5

4B. The _____ in the Jordan (4:1-24)

"Take up for yourselves twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan,... these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever."

—Joshua 4:3-7

5B. The _____ of the Jewish Nation (5:1-12)

At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time."

—Joshua 5:2

6B. The _____ of Jericho (5:13-6:27)

"...and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat,..."

—Joshua 6:20

2A. THE _____ OF EXTRAORDINARY FAITH:

In facing the challenges before us, we must remember that...

1B. _____ (5:13-15)

"...[Joshua] lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us or for our adversaries?'"

—Joshua 5:13

2B. _____ (6:1-2)

"Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel..."

—Joshua 6:1

3B. _____ (6:3-27)

"At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, 'Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.'"

—Joshua 6:16

CONCLUSION:

"Faith is _____ when I don't see it, _____ when I don't understand it, _____ when I don't get it."