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Joshua 6:1-23

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- wouldn't it be nice if all of our obstacles could be handled that way,
- and that quickly?
- God is writing a story
the story is FANTASTIC!
- God is writing your story- patiently read and experience it

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The Fall of Jericho

6:1 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.

- here's the obstacle- Jericho
- the land of milk and honey and all good things are on the other side
- are they seeing Jericho rightly? Do we?

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1- we don't face the walled cities alone

- *God himself
- *the Word of God
- *prayer

2- why are there any obstacles at all?

- *reveal our inabilities
- *push us to obey
- *force us to fight/train and prepare
- *opens possibilities of prayer

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JOSHUA 6:2-5

2 And the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. **3** You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. **4** Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. **5** And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him

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A quick look at the salvation God brought:

- 1- God sovereignly did it
- 2- Israel had to work
- 3- Persevere
- 4- Faith/Trust/Believe

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JOSHUA 6:17-21

17 And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. **18** But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. **19** But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." **20** So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. **21** Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

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Some words about the judgment God brought:
it does 2 things:

1) gets our attention

2) poses a problem

-I have no holiness

-Jesus is holy

-Jesus exchanges his holiness for my life at the cross

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JOSHUA 6:22-24

22 But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her." 23 So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. 24 And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

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I'm so grateful for Rahab!

-the city falls but she is saved- why?

-b/c she has totally trusted the Lord

-not b/c of who she is

-she didn't perform or act right or clean up

-as simply and completely as possible- she trusted

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-God saves in order to save

-God always has a remnant who will be a witness of his grace

He saved Rahab and he can save you!

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JOEL – 2:12-13

12 “Yet even now,” declares the LORD,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

Sanctus Student Ministry News

- Don't miss these great Sanctus events!
- Wed., July 21: Small group parties
- Wed., August 11 @ Bonbrook Plantation:
Nacho Libre party
- For more summer info go to
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under "Sanctus"

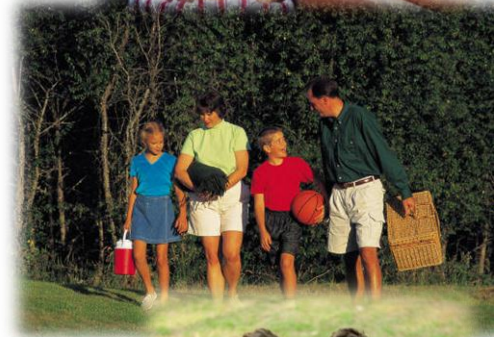


Web Site Ministry Help

- ◉ Do you know web design & management? Then we need YOU! This is a pivotal & wonderful ministry opportunity! If you are interested or have questions, please contact us at info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com.

Church Picnic Today 5:30-7:30 pm

- Volleyball, basketball, kids play area, food, friends and fellowship!
- The Sanctuary will provide drinks- bring food, chairs, and shade for your family.
- The picnic will be at the Rec Center of Bonbrook Plantation subdivision.



We love our kids!

Hi 5 Kids Resuming Aug. 1st



- Hi 5 will resume on Sunday, August 1, for our children ages 1st-5th grade. We are spending this time ordering and preparing a new curriculum that will help us better teach your children each Sunday.
- **We need help in this ministry-** if you are interested, please contact us at: info@thesanctuaryfellowship.com

Help us minister to our children!