



Small Group Questions

Part 1: Joshua's Guide to Wall Removal

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Read

Joshua 5 and 6; Galatians 5:1 and 6:9; Colossians 3:13; and Ephesians 5:21

Reflect

As Joshua reaches the formidable walls of Jericho, he encounters a man with a drawn sword. He asks whose side he's on. "Neither" the man replies. He is the commander of the Lord's Army. Joshua falls to the ground in reverence and asks what message the Lord has for him. If you were Joshua, what part of God's instructions for circling the city to bring down the wall would be most difficult for you?

Pastor Greg offers a guide for removing walls in your life:

1. Fall on your face and surrender everything.
 - a. What do you need to surrender to God? What walls need to come down? Fear, failure, a dream?
 - b. Consider your recent prayers. Have they been more about you than God? Rather than ask if God is on your side, should you be asking whether you are on his side?
2. Listen for a current word from God.
 - a. How do you get a current word? Which of the following keys is easiest and hardest for you?
 - b. Four keys to hearing God:
 - i. Turn off some distractions.
 - ii. Ask a question.
 - iii. Record your passions.
 - iv. Get confirmation.
 - c. Do you have someone who loves you, but is willing to tell you what you need to hear rather than what you want to hear?
3. Determine to do it God's way regardless of how unconventional it may seem.
 - a. What unconventional experiences have you had in following God's promptings?
 - b. What blessings have come from doing things God's way?
4. Make sure you protect God's presence in your life.
 - a. What tool(s) is the enemy using to separate you from God's presence? Distractions? Comparison and insecurity? Doubt? Explain.
 - b. What is your plan to protect the presence of God in your life? In your family's lives?
 - i. What tools could you use to better effect in combating the enemy?
5. Don't quit too soon.
 - a. What are you thinking about quitting right now?
 - b. Are you giving God ultimatums rather than listening to his still small voice?
 - c. Think of a time you were ready to give up and God gave you strength to persevere in a wholly unexpected way. Discuss.
6. Usually you need to declare victory before it actually happens.
 - a. The Israelites gave a shout of praise before the walls of Jericho came down. What is holding you back from laying claim to a promise of God and shouting for joy before it happens?
7. Don't mess it up by touching stuff God says not to touch.
 - a. Does something come to mind just by reading the above sentence? What might that tell you?

Which of the seven points above stands out the most to you right now. Why?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?