



## Week #3 Notes

### Get POSITIONED for BREAKTHROUGH

#### Joshua 5:13-6:1

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[a] 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.

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#### Joshua 5: 14b

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### Get positioned for breakthrough by getting humble

#### Joshua 6:1-7

1 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred 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. 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 the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone 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 army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

#### Joshua 6:2

2 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

### Get positioned for breakthrough by getting used to the uncomfortable.

#### Joshua 6:3-5

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### Joshua 6:8-16

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 army, “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 army returned to camp and spent the night there.

12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. 14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

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 army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!

## Get positioned for breakthrough by getting **READY TO SHOUT!**

### Talk about it:

#### Ice Breaker:

Ice breaker: What’s your all time favorite war movie? Why? Or what’s your favorite come from behind story? Who was the unlikely hero in the story or movie?

### Read Joshua 5:13-6:1 and discuss

What are some of things God has promised you that you aren’t currently experiencing? What is standing in the way of you experiencing them? What stands in the way of Joshua experiencing his promise from God? In verse 14 Joshua falls to the ground in reverence for the Lord, and asks for his message. How’s your posture? (proudful or humble) What does Joshua’s humility say to you about posturing for breakthrough?

### Read Joshua 6:2-7 and discuss

Verse 2 says “See I have delivered Jericho into your hands.” What’s strange about that? Do you struggle with having the faith to see through the difficult? Discuss what you can do to begin to “have eyes that see” through the difficult. What was uncomfortable about God’s battle plan for Israel? How are you in dealing with the uncomfortable?



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**Read Joshua 6:7-16 and discuss**

Read v. 10 and discuss how difficult it is to be silent in this context. Why was it important that the ARK of THE LORD went with them during every circle of the walls? Where is God calling you to carry his presence? What would happen if you did? The climax of the story is the SHOUT in v.16; but was the shout the reason the walls came down? Discuss the implications of Joshua's full obedience to the Lord. Where is God calling you to remain silent and where is God calling you to shout?