

***Following God in the Face of Challenges***  
***#7 in a Series on Victorious Living, Joshua 5:13-6:27***  
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What were the challenges facing God's people in Joshua 6?

**faith is...**

(Hebrews 11:1, 6; 2 Cor. 5:7)

What is the biggest challenge in life I am facing right now?

**When facing life's challenges, remember...**

**1. We are already victorious.**

(Joshua 2:9-11; Exodus 23:27; Romans 8:28-31; John 16:33)

"Then the LORD said to Joshua, 'See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men'." Joshua 6:2

**2. God's strategies sometimes seem strange.**

"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." Joshua 6:4

**Three Strategies for Following God**

- Make our own plans and hope they succeed.
- Make our own plans and ask God to bless them.
- Ask God for His plans and do what He tells us.

**Key Point:** God delights in showing His strength through our weakness.  
(Jn 12:24; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; 2 Chron 16:9; Is. 55:8-9)

**3. Life's obstacles are overcome by obedience.**  
(Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 John 5:4-5)

“When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed...”  
Joshua 6:20

“It was by faith that the walls of Jericho fell after the people had marched around them for seven days.” Hebrews 11:30 (NCV)

**4. God deserves the glory for the victory.**

“The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD.”  
Joshua 6:17 (NIV)

**Why is God's judgment seem so harsh at Jericho?**

- Jericho belonged to God (Joshua 6:17)
- The Canaanites were unspeakably wicked (Deut. 18:9-12; Lev. 18:27)
- God had patiently been waiting for the people to turn to Him (Joshua 2:8; Gen 15:6; 2 Peter 3:9)
- God is faithful to redeem anyone who has faith in Him. (Joshua 6:23-24, 25-26)