

Sermon Title:
"Joshua Did Not Fight the Battle of Jericho"
Joshua 6

INTRODUCTION:

I. What to Do When You Keep Running into a Wall

A. The reality: sometimes God's instructions seem absurd.

1. What the people of Jericho expected.
 - a) Build a rampart.
 - b) Lay siege and wait them out.
 - c) Sneak into the city and open the gate.
 - d) Use a catapult to knock the walls down.
2. What God told them to do.
 - a) Have some priests play some really bad sounding horns.
 - b) March around the city once every day for a week.
 - c) Don't say anything until the last day.
 - d) Follow the ark.

e) The 7th day walk around the city 7 times.

f) Shout only when Joshua gives the signal.

3. What the people did.

B. Why did they obey when it might have seemed foolish to do so?

II. What to See When All You Can See is a Wall

A. What God wants us to see when we face an insurmountable obstacle.

1. He wants us to see Him!

a) The significance of the Ark of the Covenant.

b) Why walk around the city for 7 days?

2. Why we often do not see Him.

B. What God sees when we face insurmountable obstacles.

1. He sees people who need Him but refuse to turn to Him.

2. He sees people who pray expectantly that He help them.

CONCLUSION: