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The Walls of Jericho Fall by Faith

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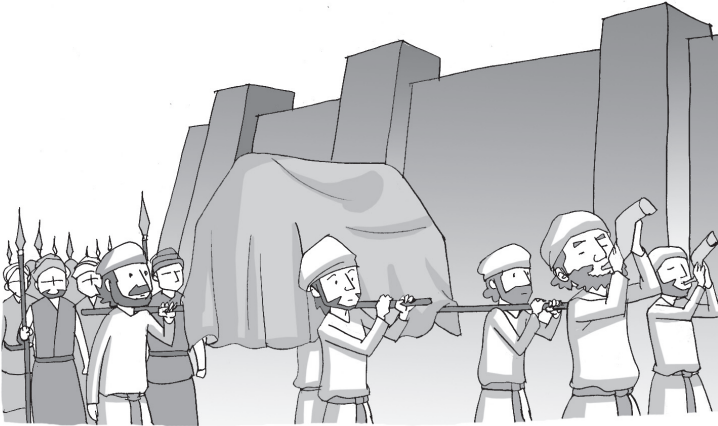
Joshua 5:13–6:21

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that the things that are impossible with my thoughts become possible when I believe and obey the Word.
2. To understand that faith is not based on phenomena, knowledge, experiences, or emotion, but rather the Word of God.

Open Your Heart



"Today, I am once again circling Jericho with my father. It is already the sixth day. In front of us, there are seven priests blowing the trumpets that have been made out of a ram's horn. Following behind them is the Ark of the Covenant. The rest of us are all following behind silently. The gates of Jericho remain tightly shut, and their soldiers are observing us above the wall. Nothing has changed from the first day until now. It feels like the strong city of Jericho will stand here forever."

"Today is the seventh day. Just like yesterday, we are circling the city once again. However, unlike the other days where we circled the city once, we have already completed six laps and are now starting our seventh. My dad told me that after the seventh time, when our commander Joshua tells us to shout, we must join in together with one voice and shout before the city. Only then will the mighty city of Jericho fall. Everyone, we are about to finish our seventh lap soon. What do you think will happen? Will this great city really fall?"



Understanding Today's Lesson

Notes:

Joshua, the successor of Moses as the leader of Israel, led the Israelites across the Jordan River and went to war against the seven tribes of Canaan. God encouraged Joshua, and by splitting the Jordan River and letting the Israelites cross like He did with the Red Sea, God gave the Israelites assurance that He was with them. The Israelites then practiced circumcision at Gilgal and kept the Passover. God sent the commander of the army of the Lord to the Israelites so that they would become obedient to His guidance, and He once again assured them that He was with them.

Now that all the preparations were finished, the Israelites crossed the Jordan River and fought their first fight after crossing the Jordan River: the battle against the city of Jericho. However, before the battle, God told the Israelites something that was incomprehensible to them during that time. The Israelites were told to walk around Jericho once every day for six days and seven times the seventh day. If they shouted with a loud voice on the seventh day, they would be able to bring down the walls of Jericho. After the 40 years of training that they had received in the wilderness, Joshua and the Israelites were able to obey these words which they could not understand. After walking around the city of Jericho seven times on the seventh day, all of Israel shouted and blew their trumpets, and the walls of Jericho finally collapsed. The Israelites went up to the city together and took the city. In this manner, the first important war in the land of Canaan ended in victory for Israel.

When doing the work of God, the most important things are not my thoughts, feelings, experiences or wisdom, but rather, our faith in the Word of God. Furthermore, the reason we believe in the Word of God is not because it is reasonable to us, but because it is the Word of the Almighty God who is holy, cannot lie, and always fulfills what He says.

Memorizing Bible Verses



By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.

(Hebrews 11:30)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(2 Chronicles 14:10–14)

(2 Chronicles 20:15–24)

(Hebrews 11:33–34)



Changing

Directions

Read Acts 27:9–28:6 and answer the following questions.

1. In this passage, Apostle Paul is currently being transported to Rome by a centurion. If you look at Acts 27:9–10, Apostle Paul advises the men on the ship that sailing would be dangerous, but the centurion is more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than the things spoken by Paul and forces them to depart. Why do you think the centurion listened to the words of the helmsman and the owner of the ship rather than Apostle Paul?

2. After sailing, the ship came across a great tempest, and all hopes of being saved were given up. But suddenly, Apostle Paul stood in the midst of them and urged them "to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among [them], but only of the ship." On what basis did Apostle Paul say these things?

3. Of the 276 people that were aboard the ship, how many died and how many survived? What was the reason?

4. Why was Apostle Paul able to remain calm despite being bitten by a viper? Also, what was the reason he did not die?

5. Apostle Paul said, "I believe God that it will be just as it was told me." Do you also believe that the Lord will fulfill what He has promised to you regarding salvation?



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

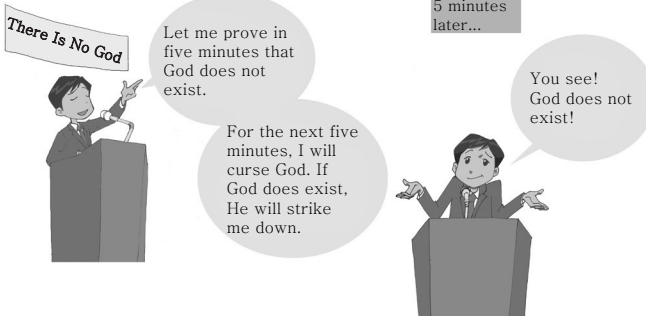
Let us pray that, although we may not understand it with our own thoughts, God will give us the faith to believe that He will surely fulfill His Word. And let us pray so that we can live a victorious life in faith.



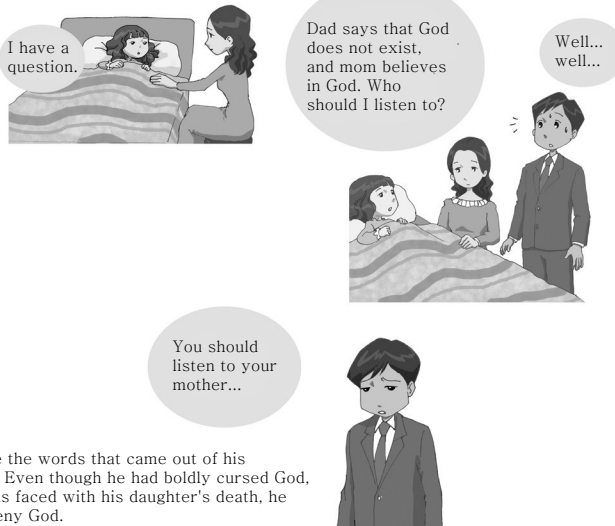
Our Story

The Sound of the Conscience

Robert Ingersoll was a man who gained great wealth and fame with his lectures on atheism.



However, his wife was a devout Christian. One day, their daughter fell deathly ill, and in her sickbed, she asked a question.



Those were the words that came out of his conscience. Even though he had boldly cursed God, when he was faced with his daughter's death, he could not deny God.

Or the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (Romans 1:18–19)

A Father's Promise and A Son's Faith

This true story took place after the great Armenian earthquake of 1989.

At that time, the earthquake in northern Armenia resulted in more than 55,000 casualties. Shortly after the earthquake, a father ran toward his son's school. When he arrived, to his surprise, the school building had collapsed flat like a pancake. As he stood there in utter shock, the father heard the promise he had always made to his son echoing through his ears. "Son, no matter what happens, when you need your father, I will be there. I will always be by your side!" The father's eyes filled up with tears. The situation before him was hopeless.

However, the father was unable to turn away from his promise. He remembered that his son's classroom was at the end of the right side of the building. He ran to where the classroom was and started digging in that very spot. The other parents who had come to find their children told him he was digging in vain, and the policemen and firefighters tried to force him to stop. However, the father dug and dug, repeating the promise he had made to his son under his breath. It was a desperate effort. Except for taking short breaks, he continued to dig for 38 hours. Finally, after moving a large stone, the father began to hear the voice of his son. The father desperately cried out to him.

"Armand!" He heard his son's voice in reply, "Are you here father? I am down here." Then came the son's noble words:

"Father! I told my friends here not to worry. I told them that if my father was alive, he would surely come here and save me."





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