



## “Circling Your Jericho”

“Why do we struggle to hear from God?”

<sup>13</sup> When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, ‘Are you for us, or for our adversaries?’  
<sup>14</sup> And he said, ‘No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come.’ ” Joshua 5:13-14 (ESV)

... because our **enemy** doesn’t want us to, and we sometimes listen to his voice instead of God’s.

“And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, ‘What does my lord say to his servant?’  
<sup>15</sup> And the commander of the LORD’s army said to Joshua, ‘Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.’ And Joshua did so.” Joshua 5:14-15 (ESV)

... because we need to **mature** in our **worship**.

<sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Joshua, ‘See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.’ ” Joshua 6:2 (ESV)

... because we’re trying to figure out a strategy when God already has a strategy that He’s **accomplished**.

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<sup>3</sup> You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. <sup>4</sup> Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.” Joshua 6:3-4 (ESV)

... because we have not learned to **pray in circles** around our Jericho’s with tenacity, repetition, power and expectation.

<sup>12</sup> Then Joshua rose early in the morning.”

... because we don’t **get up early** and take seriously our calling as leaders in the Kingdom.

“Jericho is spelled many different ways. If you have cancer, it’s spelled healing. If your child is far from God, it’s spelled salvation. If your marriage is falling apart, it’s spelled reconciliation. If you have a vision beyond your resources, it’s spelled provision. But whatever it is, you have to spell it out.” - Mark Batterson, *The Circle Maker*

**HOW DO YOU SPELL JERICO?  
WHERE IN YOUR LIFE ARE YOU WAITING TO HEAR FROM GOD?**

### Small Group Questions

1. What has been your experience in life in terms of hearing God? Has that aligned with or created conflict with how you see people hearing from God in the Scriptures?
2. Of the five reasons given for why we may have difficulty hearing from God, which one is your greatest struggle? Can you give an example? Which one are you succeeding at? Again, give an example. (Recognizing the enemy’s voice, maturing in worship, living with God’s accomplished strategy, praying in circles, getting up early).
3. What is your Jericho? How do you spell it in your life?
4. What would it look like for you to circle your Jericho in prayer?