

Positioned to Possess the Promise

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6:1 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.”

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2. To possess a promise you have to be positioned in HOLINESS.

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Fusion Group Questions:

1. What did God speak to you through this passage?
2. How do you need to respond in obedience?
3. What is the significance of Jesus presenting himself to Joshua?
4. How is Joshua’s response to the Lord similar and/or different from other biblical character’s responses? (Moses, Isaiah, Mary, Jonah, etc) What can we learn and apply from this?

5. How do we position ourselves in as worshipers?
6. What does holiness mean and how can we walk in it?
7. How can we be positioned for spiritual warfare?