

## Who Fought the Battle of Jericho?

**Joshua 6:1-7** “Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua: “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him.”

Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord.” And he said to the people, “Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the Lord.”

**God’s ways often contradicts the world’s ways.**

**God’s plans are perfect.**

**They marched with willing and obedient hearts.**

**Joshua 6:8a** “So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the Lord advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them.”

**They marched in faith.**

**Joshua 6:10** “Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying, “You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, ‘Shout!’ Then you shall shout.”

**They marched in silence and solitude.**

## Land and Worship

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### Fusion Group Questions:

1. What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this text?
2. What do I need to do about it?
3. How can we help each other respond to what the Holy Spirit is saying?
4. Is it hard to respond to God with willing and obedient hearts? If so, why? If not, why?
5. Have you ever made silence and solitude a part of your spiritual disciplines? If so, what impact has it had?
6. How can you start practicing silence and solitude?
7. Why does God often use the “weak” things to bring about His purposes?
8. How has victory in your life also led to temptation?