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"YOU ARE A POOR SOLDIER OF CHRIST IF YOU THINK YOU CAN OVERCOME WITHOUT FIGHTING AND SUPPOSE YOU CAN HAVE THE CROWN WITHOUT THE CONFLICT." —JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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HOW CAN WE OVERCOME WALLS OF RESISTANCE IN OUR LIVES?

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FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD. AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD—OUR FAITH. —1 JOHN 5:4

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¹³WHEN 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?" ¹⁴AND HE SAID, "NO; BUT I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD. NOW I HAVE COME."
AND JOSHUA FELL ON HIS FACE TO THE EARTH AND WORSHIPED AND SAID TO HIM, "WHAT DOES MY LORD SAY TO HIS SERVANT?" ¹⁵AND 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 5:13-15

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HOW CAN WE OVERCOME WALLS OF RESISTANCE IN OUR LIVES?

• START WITH SURRENDER

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"THEOPHANY"

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"THE VICTORY OF JERICO WAS A VICTORY OF FAITH. NOTHING LESS WILL ACHIEVE VICTORY. THE LESSON IN ALL THE BOOK OF JOSHUA CAN BE FOUND IN ONE SENTENCE: VICTORY IS NOT ACHIEVED BY FIGHTING;

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IT IS RECEIVED BY FAITH. YOU WILL NEVER KNOW VICTORY UNTIL YOU LAY YOUR SWORD AT HIS FEET, BOW YOURSELF BEFORE HIS MIGHTY THRONE, AND WORSHIP HIM." —DR. ADRIAN ROGERS

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¹THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SO GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US ALSO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND SIN WHICH CLINGS SO CLOSELY, AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, ²LOOKING TO JESUS, THE FOUNDER AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH,

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WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD. ³CONSIDER HIM WHO ENDURED FROM SINNERS SUCH HOSTILITY AGAINST HIMSELF, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT GROW WEARY OR FAINTHEARTED. —HEB. 12:1-3

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¹NOW JERICO WAS SHUT UP INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. NONE WENT OUT, AND NONE CAME IN. ²AND THE LORD SAID TO JOSHUA, "SEE, I HAVE GIVEN JERICO INTO YOUR HAND, WITH ITS KING AND MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR. ³YOU SHALL MARCH AROUND THE CITY, ALL THE MEN OF WAR GOING AROUND THE CITY ONCE, THUS SHALL YOU DO FOR SIX DAYS. ⁴SEVEN 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. ⁵AND WHEN THEY MAKE A LONG BLAST WITH THE RAM'S HORN, WHEN YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, THEN ALL THE PEOPLE SHALL SHOUT WITH A GREAT SHOUT, AND THE WALL OF THE CITY WILL FALL DOWN FLAT, AND THE PEOPLE SHALL GO UP, EVERYONE STRAIGHT BEFORE HIM." —JOSHUA 6:1-5

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HOW CAN WE OVERCOME WALLS OF RESISTANCE IN OUR LIVES?

• IMPLEMENT GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

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"IT IS FAITH THAT LINKS OUR NOTHINGNESS
TO GOD'S ALMIGHTINESS."

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AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR WHOEVER
WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS
AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM. —HEBREWS 11:6

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HOW CAN WE OVERCOME WALLS OF RESISTANCE IN OUR LIVES?

• TRUST GOD'S TIMING

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WAITING ON GOD

INDEED, NONE WHO
WAIT FOR YOU SHALL
BE PUT TO SHAME.
PSALM 25:3a

LEAD ME IN YOUR
TRUTH AND TEACH ME,
FOR YOU ARE
THE GOD OF MY
SALVATION; FOR YOU
I **WAIT** ALL THE DAY
LONG. PSALM 25:5

WAIT FOR THE LORD;
BE STRONG,
AND LET YOUR HEART
TAKE COURAGE;
WAIT FOR THE LORD!
PSALM 27:14

OUR SOUL **WAITS**
FOR THE LORD; HE IS
OUR HELP AND OUR
SHIELD. PSALM 33:20

BE STILL BEFORE
THE LORD AND **WAIT**
PATIENTLY FOR HIM;
FRET NOT YOURSELF
OVER THE ONE WHO
PROSPERS IN HIS WAY,
OVER THE MAN
WHO CARRIES OUT
EVIL DEVICES!
PSALM 37:7

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WAITING ON GOD

WAIT FOR
THE LORD AND KEEP
HIS WAY, AND HE
WILL EXALT YOU TO
INHERIT THE LAND;
YOU WILL LOOK ON
WHEN THE WICKED
ARE CUT OFF.
PSALM 37:34

I **WAIT** FOR THE LORD, MY SOUL **WAITS**,
AND IN HIS WORD I HOPE. PSALM 130:5

²¹BUT THIS I CALL TO MIND, AND THEREFORE
I HAVE HOPE: ²²THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE
LORD NEVER CEASES; HIS MERCIES NEVER COME
TO AN END; ²³THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS. ²⁴"THE LORD IS
MY PORTION," SAYS MY SOUL, "THEREFORE
I WILL HOPE IN HIM." ²⁵THE LORD IS GOOD
TO THOSE WHO **WAIT** FOR HIM, TO THE
SOUL WHO SEEKS HIM. LAMENTATIONS 3:21-25

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WALLS WILL FALL!

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BY FAITH THE WALLS OF JERICO FELL DOWN
AFTER THEY HAD BEEN ENCIRCLED FOR SEVEN DAYS.

—HEBREWS 11:30

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BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

—1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

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"THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS TO GET TO THE PLACE WHERE WE'RE PREPARED TO ADMIT THAT THE WHOLE THING IS TOO BIG FOR US, AND THAT THE POWER OF THE ENEMY IS TOO GREAT FOR US, AND IF OUR JERICO IS TO FALL, THEN SOMEHOW GOD MUST BRING IT ABOUT. I BELIEVE THAT BEFORE GOD ENTRUSTS ANY OF HIS PEOPLE WITH A REAL MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL POWER, VICTORY AND BLESSING, HE BRINGS THEM TO A PLACE FROM WHERE THEY SURVEYED JERICO SO LONG THAT THEY HAVE COME TO SEE THAT ITS CONQUEST IS ABSOLUTELY HOPELESS. GOD EXPECTS NOTHING MORE FROM US THAN FAILURE, YET WE SPEND YEARS TRYING TO MAKE OURSELVES SOMETHING OTHER THAN FAILURE. SO LONG AS WE THINK WE CAN DO IT ALONE, THE OMNIPOTENT RESOURCES OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR RISEN LORD, CANNOT HELP US." —ALAN REDPATH

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BUT RAHAB THE PROSTITUTE AND HER FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD AND ALL WHO BELONGED TO HER, JOSHUA SAVED ALIVE. AND SHE HAS LIVED IN ISRAEL TO THIS DAY, BECAUSE SHE HID THE MESSENGERS WHOM JOSHUA SENT TO SPY OUT JERICO. —JOSHUA 6:25

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FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS FOLLY TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, BUT TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD.

—1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

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¹⁶FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN
WITH A CRY OF COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL,
AND WITH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET OF GOD.
AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.

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¹⁷THEN WE WHO ARE ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT, WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER
WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR,
AND SO WE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD. ¹⁸THEREFORE ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS. — 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

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