



CONQUERING JERICHO



Joshua 2-4; 6

After God's people crossed the Jordan River, God promised to give them the city of Jericho. **The city of Jericho had huge walls and was well protected. Joshua sent two spies to learn more about the city. When the people in Jericho heard that spies from Israel were there, they tried to find and capture them.**

The spies met a woman named Rahab. She hid the Israelites in her house and sent away the men looking for them. Then, she went to the spies and said, "I know the Lord has given you this land. Everyone knows it. All of Jericho is scared. We heard how the Lord did amazing things for you, like parting the Red Sea. He is a powerful God! Since I showed kindness to you, please show kindness to me and my family. When the Israelite army comes, promise to keep us safe from death."

The spies told her to hang a red cord from her window as a sign to God's people. Anyone inside the house with the red cord in the window would be safe from the battle. The men returned to Joshua and said, "The Lord has given the entire land to us."

When the entire Israelite army came to Jericho, **God spoke to Joshua: "I have given Jericho, its king, and its army over to you." Then He gave specific instructions on how the Israelites were to defeat this city and its great walls.** Joshua trusted God and led the people to follow God's instructions exactly as He said. Here is what they did:

Each day for six days, God's people walked silently around the city. Seven priests carrying trumpets played their instruments, but everyone else was silent. **On the seventh day, they marched around the city not once, but seven times. On the seventh time, the priests blew the trumpets, and Joshua told the people to shout! When the people shouted, the walls fell down, and God's people conquered the city. All the people of Jericho were defeated, but Rahab and her family were saved.**



Christ Connection: *God's people could not bring down Jericho's walls in their own power. They trusted God and were victorious. We cannot defeat sin and death in our own power. When we trust in Jesus, we are saved from sin and death.*