

Life Group Discussion Guide

COURAGE TO OBEY

Joshua 1:7-9

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INTRODUCTION

Jericho was a fortified city, ringed by not just one wall but two. These were not small barriers. In fact, archeological evidence tells us the outer wall was about 6 feet thick and nearly 20 feet high and the inner wall was almost 12 feet thick and 30 feet high.

For centuries the basic approach to conquering a city fortress was to lay siege to the walls, cut off supplies of food and water and slug through a weeks-long campaign.

God commanded Joshua to take a different approach and gave him a seven-day plan to victory. When we have the courage to listen to God and obey...the walls will come tumbling down.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Mr. Miyagi had Daniel-San wax on and wax off, but Daniel-San had no idea how this would help him with karate. Have you ever had to trust someone's instructions or advice without knowing how it would affect the outcome?
2. Daniel-San had Mr. Miyagi and Joshua had Moses. Who is/was your Mr. Miyagi or Moses?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Joshua 1:7-9. How do these instructions and wisdom from God prepare Joshua for the challenges and big tasks ahead of him?
2. If God is the ultimate source of love, wisdom and guidance, then how do we listen to His direction?
3. Stuart said, "We get so anxious, so overzealous sometimes. And we overreact. Impulsively we get ahead of God." What does getting ahead of God look like? Why do we do this?
4. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. Why does it take courage to trust?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Where do you need to listen more and in what areas do you need to move at God's pace?
2. How can you put to practice God's words to Joshua in Joshua 1:7-9? Where in your life are these words applicable right now?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

- Corrie Ten Boom



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