

Walk circles around

JERICHO

Glory Days: Session 3

Impossible situations, impenetrable walls, and overwhelming odds...every one of us will face them. The question is not, "will I deal with situations that are beyond my abilities and strength?" The question is, "*Will I try to deal with these challenges alone?*"

The answer to this question makes all the difference in the world!

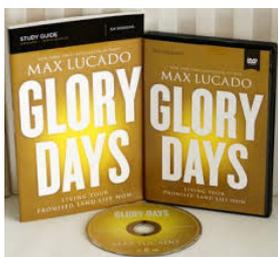
Walls within our lives take many shapes and forms: addiction, fear, loneliness, materialism, rage, jealousy, pride, insecurity, prejudice, a grumbling spirit, and more. As Christians, we want to learn how to circle the walls of our Jericho and watch them fall with an earthshaking and future-changing crash. But the walls remain, keeping us from experiencing Promised Land living.

Remember: God is bigger than Jericho's walls and can remove obstacles that we could never overcome.

WHEN WE FOLLOW GOD'S BATTLE PLANS- what is impossible becomes possible- he has promised a victory and has provided weapons for the fight. What are the walls facing you at this moment?



WATCH THE DVD AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING.....



- Martin Luther King Jr's 'Jericho' and his willingness to follow God's leading
- What the walls of Jericho represent to the Israelites and to us
- How we can understand and own the victory of God
- The difference between God's battle plan and ours
- The strongholds we face
- The weapons that God supplies.

We are not victims of Jericho- we *can* be steadfast and immovable in the power of the Lord.

DISCUSSION AND BIBLE STUDY

Take time to process and discuss your responses to the video.

1. Think of a follower of Jesus who willingly entered a struggle side by side with God. What is the legacy of their impact?

2. **Read Joshua 1:5-6, 1:10-11 and 6:1-5.** What do these passages say about God's part in winning the victory and bringing down the walls of Jericho? What does it mean for you? Is God involved in our battles?
3. When was a time when you engaged in struggle but found no victory? Contrast this with a time you found God as your partner in a struggle, how did the walls come down in this spiritual battle?



WHEN MIGHTY JERICHO CRUMBLLED, THE UNTOPPLEABLE FORTRESS MET THE UNSTOPPABLE FORCE

4. If you want to see Jericho fall, you have to stop labelling yourself and others. Stop listening to lies. Stop believing there is no hope for change or a new beginning. What is a negative attitude you need to put aside and stop letting reside in your mind?
5. **Psalm 16:6-** 'The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.' This is a declaration! What are some other Bible promises that are useful reminders of God's goodness and great promises?
6. **Read Joshua 6:6-11.** Joshua gathers his leaders and shares God's plan. In their shoes, how would you have responded? How might things have worked out differently if another 'conventional' plan had been followed?
7. How can God's plans seem culturally crazy today? Why is it vital to follow his strategy?
8. **Read Ephesians 6:10-13 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.** How are we to view spiritual battles. How is a knowledge of our enemy and his tactics vital? How is a clear view of God's power to do battle also vital?
9. **These are our weapons:** how can they empower us to walk in victory?
 - i. **Songs, praise and worship**
 - ii. **Reading, studying, and memorising scripture**
 - iii. **Prayer, petition, and thanksgiving**



Thank for the inspirational people who have shaped your prayer and demonstrated bold confidence in God's power

Pray for power

Ask for courage