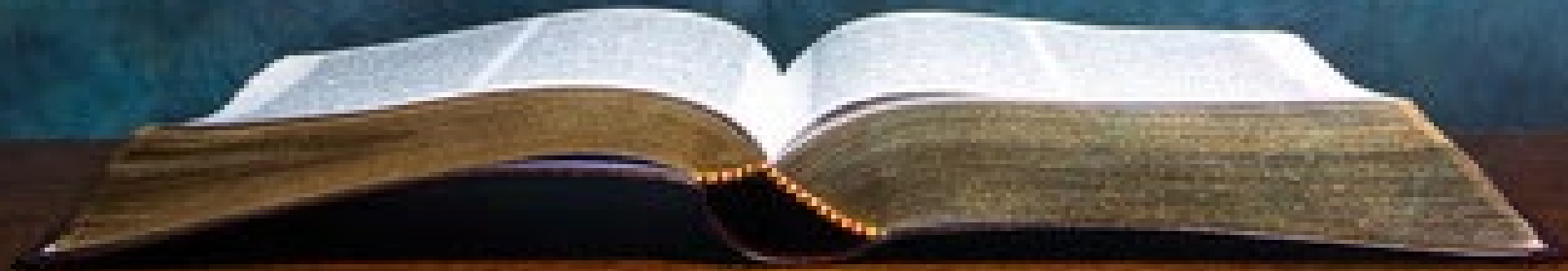


MARCH 13, 2021  
“PROPHET OF CONQUEST”

Scripture Focus:  
Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 15-16, 20



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT  
Saturday at 6:00 pm



# PREPARING FOR HIS RETURN



**PASSIONATELY** LEADING OTHERS TO CHRIST  
SHIFTING INTO GEAR TO BE **USED BY GOD**



“If you keep yourself pure,  
you will be a special utensil  
for honorable use.  
Your life will be clean,  
and you will be ready  
for the Master to use you  
for every good work.”

**2 TIMOTHY 2:21 NLT**

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# RUNNING WITH GODLY

*"...And let us run  
with perseverance the  
race marked out for us."*


HEBREWS 12:1 NIV

**MARCH 2021**

**PERSEVERANCE**

**CLOSER!  
GETS YOU  
STEP**

**EVERY**



“God measures  
success not by  
outcomes but by  
obedience.”  
- Dr. Jim Denison

Quote of  
the Day



## QUOTES

*PASTOR  
ELMER HESS,  
SR.*

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Obedience and order is the foundation that you build upon.

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Obedience must be done immediately.

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Obedience is what we do, faith is what God does.

**(OBEDIENCE + FAITH = BLESSING)**

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Every **BLESSING** can be traced back to an act of **OBEDIENCE**.

Every **CURSE** can be traced back to an act of **DISOBEDIENCE**.

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Obedience is the fulfillment of  
God's Word - James 1:22.

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Obedience is an Act of Faith.

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Obedience shows that we need the  
Lord.

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Humility + Obedience = Worship

A circular staircase with a bright white center, surrounded by blue and grey steps.

# Walking in circles can get you exactly where God wants you.



# KEY WORDS

SPIRITUAL  
PREPARATION

OBEDIENCE

VICTORY

GOD'S  
PROMISE

GOD'S  
PROVISION

GOD'S  
PRESENCE

GOD'S  
PLAN





## Icebreaker Question #1

How do we strengthen our  
obedience to the Lord?



## Icebreaker Question #2

What can we expect from  
God when we obey Him?



## Bonus Question #1

Why is spiritual preparation necessary?

## Bonus Question #2

Why is complete obedience  
so important?



# Lesson Aims

*After participating in this lesson, each learner will be able to:*

1. Describe how God prepared Joshua for his role in conquering the city of Jericho
2. Explain why the Lord used such an unconventional strategy for conquering a city
3. Develop a plan to take personal obedience to the Lord seriously

# The Desire and Need for God's Word:

- ▶ Without that word there will be no lasting faith
- ▶ Without faith there will be no obedience
- ▶ Without obedience there will be no fundamental change, no gospel advance



# ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

## GOD'S PROMISES

*King James Version (KJV) unless otherwise noted*

**Psalms 1:2,3 (KJV)** <sup>2</sup> But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup> And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**Psalms 19:14 (KJV)** <sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

**Colossians 3:16 (KJV)** <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

# ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

## GOD'S PROVISION

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**Ephesians 6:10** <sup>10</sup> Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

**2 Timothy 2:1** <sup>1</sup> Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:13** <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



# ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

## GOD'S PRESENCE

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**His unfailing presence will never leave us nor forsake us.**

**Matthew 28:20** <sup>20</sup> Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Exodus 33:14** <sup>14</sup> And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

**Isaiah 43:2** <sup>2</sup> When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

# ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

## SPIRITUAL PREPARATION

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**Acts 1:14** <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

**Acts 1:23-24** <sup>23</sup> And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

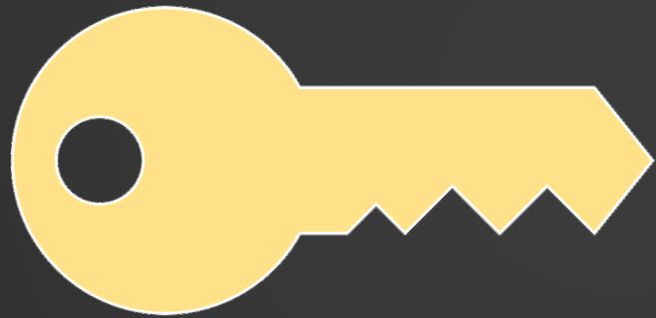
# OTHER SCRIPTURES:

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- ▶ Hebrews 4:15-16
- ▶ Psalm 27:5
- ▶ Romans 8:28
- ▶ Joshua 8:1
- ▶ John 9:4
- ▶ Ephesians 1:11 - Victory



# NUGGET OF THE DAY



WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
OBEDIENCE,  
IT IS EVERY  
MAN FOR  
THEMSELF.

# CONCLUSION

Ancient Jericho relied on a wall surrounding the city to protect its inhabitants from invaders. As individuals, many of us have built walls in our hearts and minds for a similar purpose: to protect our self-esteem, to guard against challenges to our prejudices, etc. Often such walls end up destroying our relationships with family members and friends. Sometimes those walls are so strong that only the power of God can break them down. What walls have you built in your heart that need to be torn down?



**TAKE**

**AWAY**



# Promises of God in the Old Testament.

- ▶ God promised to bless Abraham and, through his descendants, the whole world (**Genesis 12:2–3**). This promise, called the Abrahamic Covenant, pointed to the coming Messiah for whom Abraham looked (**John 8:56**).
- ▶ God promised Israel to be their God and make them His people (**Leviticus 26:12–13**). Old Testament history is teeming with examples of God fulfilling this promise.
- ▶ God promised that if we search for Him we will find Him (**Deuteronomy 4:29**). He is not playing hard-to-get. “Our God is near us whenever we pray to him” (**Deuteronomy 4:7**).

# Promises of God in the New Testament.

- ▶ God promised salvation to all who believe in His Son (**Romans 1:16–17**). There is no greater blessing than the free gift of God's salvation.
- ▶ God promised that all things will work out for good for His children (**Romans 8:28**). This is the broader picture that keeps us from being dismayed by present circumstances.
- ▶ God promised comfort in our trials (**2 Corinthians 1:3–4**). He has a plan, and one day we will be able to share the comfort we receive.
- ▶ God promised new life in Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:17**). Salvation is the beginning of a brand-new existence.

## Jesus' Promises in the Gospels

- ▶ Jesus promised rest ([Matthew 11:28–30](#)). Burdens are lifted at Calvary.
- ▶ Jesus promised abundant life to those who follow Him ([John 10:10](#)). Following Jesus brings us more spiritual fulfillment than we could have anticipated. We leave boring behind.
- ▶ Jesus promised eternal life to those who trust Him ([John 4:14](#)). The Good Shepherd also promised to hold us securely: “No one will snatch them out of my hand” ([John 10:28](#)).
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 1:20 (KJV) For all the promises of God in him [are] yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.



## NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

# PROPHET OF WISDOM

2 Kings 22:14-20

### ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS:

1. Why is humility an important part of our spiritual life?
2. What is one concrete step you can take to make sure that God's Word is not lost to you and your family?

Thank You  
for Attending  
Christian  
Development

