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~ *SERMON NOTES* ~

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SERMON SERIES: “Managing the Treasure Hunt of Life-Somewhere between Indiana Jones and Geocaching”

Lesson 3 - “*THE WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN*”

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 6:1-27

When you enter the promise land, that’s when the real battles begin.

“Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given.”
(Luke 12:48)

Three general principles that will help you enter YOUR promised land:

1. Develop a daily routine of obedience.

(Joshua 6:2-5) “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its mighty warriors. Your entire army is to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a Ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the horns, have all the people give a mighty shout. Then the walls of the city will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the city.”

(v. 11) So the Ark of the Lord was carried around the city once that day, and then everyone returned to spend the night in the camp.

(v. 14) On the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They followed this pattern for six days.

2. Get in the habit of doing instead of talking.

Verse 10: “Do not shout; do not even talk,” Joshua commanded. “Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!”

3. Settle for nothing less than absolute devotion.

(v. 15-19) On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the city as they had done before. But this time they went around the city seven times. The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!” Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies. Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be destroyed, and you will bring trouble on Israel. Everything made from silver, gold, bronze or iron is sacred to the Lord and must be brought into his treasury.

(v. 20) When the people heard the sound of the horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the city from every side and captured it.

(v. 21) They completely destroyed everything in it -- men, women, young and old, cattle, sheep, donkeys -- everything.