

EQUIP4:12

RESOURCES FOR SERVANTS

Called to Take The City

CALLING OUT THE CALLED

Joshua 6:11-20

Joshua 2 - the spies are sent in to check out Jericho; They make an oath with Rahab

Joshua 3 - Jordan is crossed - this connected with the ministry of Moses and the Red Sea event

Chapter 4 - The men established 12 stones for a memorial on the other side of Jordan

Chapter 5 - The men are circumcised

Introduction

I'm right where I need to be but I'm not where God wants me to go
God is calling them to take Jericho

1. God Has Called You To Worship - Joshua 5:14-15

Consecrate before you conquer

Joshua is a man of worship - you are called to worship the Lord - Joshua 5:13-15

Paul David Tripp writes,
No one celebrates the presence and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ more than the person who has embraced his desperate and daily need of it.¹

WHAT CAPTURES THE ALLEGIANCE OF YOUR HEART WILL SHAPE YOUR MINISTRY ACTIONS, REACTIONS, AND RESPONSES. Remember that, by God's design, we're worshipers. Worship isn't first an activity; worship is first our identity. That means everything you and I do and say is the product of worship.²

Creation- The intention is to draw us into faith and worship. Don't bring your microscope to Genesis 1-2; bring your kneeling bench.

Will Willimon observes:

Since Darwin, we look upon the earth, not so much with wonder, but rather with curiosity. Our world is a thing to be poked at, examined like a cadaver, mined, developed, bulldozed. The earth was without form and void until the advent of the biologist, who explained it, the engineer, who fixed it, the real estate developer who subdivided it.³

2. God Has Called You To War - Joshua 5:14; Joshua 6:1-5

Jericho is standing in the way of them enjoying
Canaan - v. 2

Marching Orders Come From the LORD - Joshua
6:1-5

Take the ark, put men before it to guard it, put men
behind it - this wasn't necessary to protect God but
rather to protect the sacredness of His presence
with us.

You Are Called To Give Direction - Joshua 6:6-7
-This battle cannot be won w/o the leadership
community surrounding Joshua

We are not to have a peacetime mentality

I'm convinced that the biggest victory at Jericho
wasn't when the walls fell. I believe it was when
Joshua and the people won the battle in their own
hearts to do it God's way instead of their own.

We are called to be concerned about the
faithfulness of Gospel ministry in our church

Leadership in the church of Jesus Christ is not just
a battle for theological faithfulness, gospel purity,
and methodological integrity; it is also always a war
for the heart of every leader.⁴

Psalm 27:1-3

- ¹ The Lord *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, They stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me, in this *will I be* confident.

Now, if what these passages portray—that it is true of every believer and that we live in a daily state of spiritual war and must therefore live with eyes open, heart engaged, mind alert, and protective gear in place—how much more is it true of those leaders our Lord has raised up to stand at the forefront of the battle to give warning and direction?⁵

3. God Has Called You To Win - v. 20

You like to lose?

Play game with someone on your team who likes to lose?

They knew God had given them a promise and they were going to win so they shouted the victory before a victory was realized.

“The Already and the Not Yet”

We need a reminder of what Jesus has done.....

¹ Tripp, Paul David. *Dangerous Calling* (p. 23). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

² Tripp, Paul David. *Dangerous Calling* (p. 101). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

³ McCallum, John. *The Apostles' Creed: Timeless Truths to Build a Life On* (p. 51). Kindle Edition.

⁴ Tripp, Paul David. *Lead* (pp. 115-116). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

⁵ Tripp, Paul David. *Lead* (p. 121). Crossway. Kindle Edition.