

## The Fall of Jericho - Joshua 5:13-6:27

**Topics:** Abundance, Actions, Advice, Angels, Appearance, Determination, Enemies, Enthusiasm, Escape, Guidance, Heroes, Initiative, Leadership, Miracles, Obedience, Persistence, Possessions, Power, Wealth

### Open It

1. Why do you think many teenagers bow to peer pressure and do things they wouldn't otherwise do?
2. When has peer pressure motivated you to do something good?
- \* 3. What are some Christian traditions or practices that you think might seem unusual to someone who has never been inside a church?

### Explore It

4. Whom did Joshua meet outside of Jericho? (5:13-14)
5. How did Joshua respond when the man who appeared said he was "commander of the army of the Lord"? (5:14)
- \* 6. What instructions did the Lord give to Joshua about defeating Jericho? (6:2-5)
7. How did the Israelites treat the ark of the Lord? (6:6-7)
8. What did the Israelites do differently on the seventh day of their siege of Jericho? (6:15)
9. According to Joshua, who gave the city of Jericho over to the Israelites? (6:16)
- \* 10. Why did Joshua instruct the Israelites to keep away from the devoted things in Jericho? (6:18)
11. What were the Israelites supposed to do with all of the wealth of Jericho? (6:19)
12. How were Rahab and her family treated by the Israelites? (6:22-23, 25)
- \* 13. For what reason was Rahab's life spared? (6:25)
14. What did Joshua say would happen to the man who tried to rebuild Jericho? (6:26)
15. How did the fall of Jericho affect Joshua's reputation? (6:27)

### Get It

16. Why do you think God chose this method for the Israelites to win the battle against the people of Jericho?
- \* 17. What does this story teach us about the attitude God wants us to have whenever we succeed?
18. How do you imagine Joshua felt explaining to the Israelites the battle plans for their war against Jericho?
19. How do you feel when God tells you to do something that you don't think your friends will understand or approve of?
20. What temptation faced the Israelites?
21. What is our culture's attitude toward wealth?
22. What should be our attitude toward wealth?
23. Why was it important for the Israelites to devote Jericho and all of its wealth to the Lord?
- \* 24. What does it mean to you to be devoted to the Lord?
25. What does this story teach us about the type of person God uses to accomplish His plans?

### Apply It

26. What concrete action can you take to arm yourself against a temptation you expect to face in the next week?
27. What practical step can you take this week to have a loose hold on money and possessions?
- \* 28. What is one change you can make in your life this week to move closer to being completely devoted to the Lord?