



AGAINST ALL ODDS

THE
WORD

SESSION SNAPSHOT

WHEN THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Joshua 6:1-21

GOSPEL FOCUS:

2 Corinthians 5:7

TAKEAWAYS:

- Living in faith means living in obedience.
- God will accomplish His plans regardless of what our circumstances look like

LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Joshua 5:10-15; 6
- Joshua 7-8
- Joshua 23-24
- Judges 2-3
- Judges 4

STUDY THE WORD

When is a time you've had your expectations exceeded by a new situation?

Have they ever been flipped on their head? Tell us about it.

Based on what you know of their story up to this point, what do you think that the Israelites were expecting when they entered the Promised Land?

God told them that He was going before them and that they simply needed to step in to what He promised them. How do you think they felt when they encountered resistance?

What do we expect when we're walking into something God called us to?

When is a time you've felt like you didn't understand how God could possibly have a hand in the things you were going through?

What do you think it means to trust the Lord even if we don't understand every step of the process?

When did the Israelites have victory over Jericho: when the walls fell or when God promised it? Why do you think so?

What victory have we already been given today? How does that affect the way you live?

In your own words, what is the connection between faith and action?

Read the following passages and discuss how you can demonstrate your faith through action:

Deuteronomy 6:5

Matthew 28:19-20

Ephesians 5:22-23

John 13:35

Is there something you are feeling the Holy Spirit leading you to do this week to live out your faith? What is it?

APPLY THE WORD

Every one of us has areas of obedience in which we struggle more than others. Where one person struggles, another might excel. For that reason, living out our faith is done the easiest when we have others holding us accountable and lifting us up where we need help.

A small group is an easy place to find that kind of accountability, but some might find it even more helpful to have a smaller, more intimate group who can help more specifically.

Perhaps there could be opportunities for some of you to branch off with some that you trust to form smaller, more focused accountability groups. As you pray together, consider the following:

How can I better listen to what the Lord is telling me to do?

How can I better obey what the Lord has spoken to me?

What do I need to do to encourage others to do the same thing?

PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week's Reading:

- ***Judges 6-7***
- ***Judges 13-14***
- ***Judges 15-16***
- ***Ruth 1-2***
- ***Ruth 3-4***