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Topic: The Power of Obedience

Opening Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts open to receive Your wisdom and guidance. Your word in Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Illuminate our hearts today as we delve into Your scripture. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Read: Joshua 6

What does it mean to trust and obey God, even when His instructions seem unusual or beyond our understanding? This question is vividly answered in Joshua 6 with the fall of Jericho.

Jericho was a fortified city with impenetrable walls, standing between the Israelites and their promised land. God's command to Joshua seemed unconventional: march around the city once for six days, and on the seventh day, march around it seven times. Then, have the priests blow their trumpets, and all the people shout. This strategy was not one of conventional warfare, but of faith and obedience.

The key verse here is Joshua 6:2, where God says to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor." The Hebrew word for "given" is נָתַן (natan), meaning to bestow or grant. This implies that God had already secured the victory; the Israelites simply needed to trust and follow His instructions.

Imagine the scene: the Israelites faithfully march day after day, following God's plan precisely. On the seventh day, after the seventh circuit, the priests blow their trumpets, the people shout, and the mighty walls of Jericho collapse. This was not the result of human effort or military prowess, but of divine intervention responding to human obedience.

The fall of Jericho teaches us that God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). It reminds us that when we act in faith, adhering to His instructions, God moves powerfully on our behalf. This victory was not just a military triumph but a spiritual one, showcasing the importance of trust in God's promises and obedience to His commands.

Conclusion:

The story of Jericho encourages us to trust God fully, even when His ways seem mysterious or challenging. Our obedience opens the door for God's miracles in our lives, reminding us that true victory comes from Him.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

1. How can you practice obedience to God in your daily school life?
2. What are some areas where you find it challenging to trust God's plan?
3. How does the story of Jericho inspire you to follow God's instructions?

For Parents:

1. How can you teach your children about the importance of obedience to God?
2. What are some unconventional ways God has worked in your family's life?
3. How can you encourage your family to trust God's promises?

For Professionals:

1. In what ways can you show trust in God in your workplace?
2. How can you incorporate obedience to God in your career decisions?
3. What does the fall of Jericho teach you about overcoming obstacles in your professional life?

This week, identify one area in your life where you struggle with obedience. Commit to following God's instructions in that area, trusting that He has already secured the victory for you.