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Joshua 5

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" **14** "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" **15** The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. **1** Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. **2** Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. **3** March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. **4** Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. **5** When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."



Questions for Discussion

1. Read Numbers Joshua 5:13-6:5.
2. What do you think of this story? What questions does it give rise to?
3. Why might God have told them to walk around the city 7 times?
4. How was obedience required of Joshua and what did his obedience lead to?
5. In what ways does God's call to obedience challenge you? What have you seen it lead to in your own life?
6. What are the biggest obstacles to obeying Jesus?

Take time to pray for one another.