

THE STORY

Sermon Outline
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The Battle Begins

Chapter 7 Joshua 1-24

How we would like faith to operate:

1. See 2. Believe 3. _____

How faith actually operates:

1. Believe 2. Respond 3. _____

God's _____ must be the focus of faith.

Romans 4:20-21 - Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

2. God's way is best regardless of how _____ it might seem.

Joshua 6:2-5 - Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 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. 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."

3. God's _____ requires honoring His _____.

Joshua 7:1 - But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord's anger burned against Israel.

Joshua 1:8 - Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

What could happen if you could focus on how big _____ is rather than how big your _____ is?

_____ is serious business.

Deuteronomy 9:4 - "After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, 'The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.' No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you."

Because we have the _____ we tend to minimize the _____.

Moving into uncharted territory requires _____ faith.

Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous.** Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Courageous faith lessons:

1. Believing precedes _____.

Joshua 3:8, 15-16a - "Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"...Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing.