

ROOTED IN LEADERSHIP

WEEK TWO | STUDENT GUIDE

PREPARATION FOR VICTORY

Joshua 6:1–7, 9–11, 15–16, 20

BIG IDEA

God often announces the victory before we see it, then prepares leaders to trust His presence, follow His process, block the outside noise, and respond at His appointed time.

SERMON ANCHOR

“To see the victory, I must trust and follow God.”

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Session Outcomes

- Trace the movement of Joshua 6 from promise, to process, to public response.
- Practice governing speech, sustaining worship, and remaining consistent when obedience feels repetitive.
- Name one area where you must wait, one instruction you must follow, and one timely response you must make.

Opening Leadership Question

What does it look like to prepare faithfully for a victory you cannot yet see?

Read the Text: Joshua 6

Observe: What is repeated? What changes? Who speaks, and when?

Research Lens: Reading Joshua 6 Responsibly

TEXT FEATURE	LEADERSHIP SIGNIFICANCE
Promise before performance	God speaks in the completed tense: the city, king, and warriors are given into

	Joshua’s hand. The narrative begins with divine initiative.
The ark at the center	The procession places the ark, symbolizing God’s covenant presence, at the center.
Trumpets and seven	The ram’s-horn trumpets and repeated pattern of seven. Seven frequently signals completion. The trumpets resemble the sound of God-ordained worship. So during the first six days, nothing but the sound of worship. Then the last day (Day 7), they are to lap around 7 times.
Silence and speech	Joshua regulates communal speech until the appointed moment. If there was conversation during the command, it would have ended into complaints, discouragement, and ultimately the stoppage of what God planned.
A necessary ethical boundary	Joshua 6 belongs to Israel’s unique conquest narrative. Christian leaders must not use it to label critics as “Jericho,” justify domination, or claim personal desires as divine warfare.

Five Leadership Movements in Joshua 6

1. CONFIRMATION IN THE SPIRIT

Joshua 6:1–2 — Jericho is shut tightly, (no one out, no one in) yet God speaks of the city as already given. The resistance is real, but it does not overturn the promise.

GUARDRAIL Confirmation is anchored in what God has revealed, tested by Scripture, affirmed through wise discernment, and never used to excuse pride or impulsiveness.

Where am I treating resistance as a closed door when God may be calling me to deeper trust?

2. KEEP GOD’S PRESENCE CENTRAL

Joshua 6:3–7, 9 — The ark is central in the procession. Armed strength is present, in the front and the back of the ark, but God’s covenant presence, not human force, is the organizing center. Leadership preparation asks more than “What is our strategy?” It asks, “Is God’s presence governing our strategy?”

GUARDRAIL The ark is not a lucky object. It signifies covenant presence and reminds Israel that victory is God’s work before it is Israel’s achievement.

What has become more central than God’s presence in my leadership, urgency, image, control, numbers, or fear?

3. TRUST THE SOUND GOD ORDAINED

Joshua 6:9–11 — The people do not narrate the wall. The ordained sound is the priests' trumpets, a worshipful summons connected to God's presence. Silence protects the community from complaint, fear, and premature speech while obedience matures.

GUARDRAIL Silence here is disciplined obedience, not avoidance. Healthy leaders still address harm and tell the truth; they simply refuse to let uncontrolled speech sabotage faithful action.

What voice has been loudest around my “wall”, fear, frustration, gossip, self-protection, or worship?

4. STAY CONSISTENT WHEN NOTHING MOVES

Joshua 6:11, 15 — For six days the people complete the same lap and return to camp. On the seventh day, they rise early and repeat the movement seven times. God uses repetition to form endurance, obedience, and readiness discipline before visible change occurs.

GUARDRAIL Repetition is not wasted when it is God-directed. The process is forming the people who will have to steward the victory.

Can I remain faithful when obedience feels ordinary and results remain invisible?

5. RESPOND WHEN GOD SAYS IT'S TIME

Joshua 6:16, 20 — The silence ends at Joshua's command: “Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.” Timing matters. The same people who were restrained must now respond together.

GUARDRAIL The shout does not manipulate God. It is the people's obedient response to the victory God has promised and the timing God has established.

What response have I delayed, or rushed, because I was following my emotions instead of God's timing?

The VICTORY Leadership Practice

V Verify the word: Test what you believe God said through Scripture, prayer, and Godly wise counsel.

I Interpret resistance rightly: Do not automatically call a closed door cancellation, or confirmation. Discern before reacting.

C Center God's presence: Let worship, holiness, and dependence on God organize the plan.

T Train your tongue: Refuse fear-filled narration, gossip, complaint, and premature announcements.

O Obey the process: Follow the instruction you have, even while the result remains unseen.

R Remain consistent: Keep showing up with faithfulness when the lap feels repetitive.

Y Yield to God's timing: Wait when God says wait; speak and move when God says it is time.

My VICTORY commitment for the next seven days:

Case Study: The Door Is Open, but the Team Is Divided

A ministry receives a promising opportunity. The leader believes God has opened the door, but the team is anxious. Some members complain publicly, others want to rush ahead, and a few are quietly disengaging. The leader is tempted either to force immediate action or cancel the opportunity altogether.

What would "Confirmation in the Spirit" require the leader to verify?

How could the leader keep God's presence central while establishing order?

What speech needs to stop, and what truthful conversation still needs to happen?

What would consistent preparation look like before the public launch?

What sign would show that it is time to move?

Personal Leadership Inventory

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I can distinguish God's promise from my personal preference.**

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I keep God's presence central instead of relying on pressure or personality.**

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I govern my speech when fear and frustration rise.**

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I can repeat faithful actions without demanding immediate visible results.**

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I know the difference between waiting faithfully and avoiding obedience.**

☐ Rarely ☐ Sometimes ☐ Often ☐ Consistently **I can respond decisively when God's timing becomes clear.**

One strength God can use:

One growth edge God is confronting:

Closing Response

The "wall" I am facing:

The instruction I will follow:

The voice I must silence and the sound I must trust:

The response I will make when God says it is time:
