



## Conquer Impossibilities

### WEEK 1 DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OVERVIEW

In this message of the new series entitled, *Conquer Impossibilities*, we will learn how to defeat the things that hold us back from doing what God has called us to do.

## DISCUSSION

Many people find themselves today, beat up by life, knocked down by circumstances, bruised by the pain of relational breakdown, yet the only words they often hear is “hang in there.” The truth is, we need God’s power to show up and break us out of these impossible situations.

**Mark 10:27** says: *But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."*

In **Joshua 5:13 – 6:5, 6:20**, Joshua finds himself pressed up against a seemingly impossible enemy. Let’s look at the three principles Joshua used to overcome his enemies, and conquer the impossible:

### 1. Worship

The first thing we need when we face an impossible enemy is the correct perspective—it is a spiritual battle. Our perspective is changed through worship!

Joshua was looking at his problem—the walls of Jericho. But after lifting his eyes, Joshua began to gain proper perspective. He asked the man, “Are you for me or for my enemies?” Jesus answered, ‘I’m not here under your command or anyone else’s. I am the captain of the host of the Lord.’ Jesus was telling Joshua that the battle was the Lord’s! Joshua responded by bowing down and worshipping the Lord as the one who fought his battles.

Amidst any impossible situation, we should keep our focus on Jesus—not our problems. **Colossians 3:1-2** says: *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.* The devil will try to draw our eyes and attention to the problem, but we need to make a conscious effort to worship Jesus and trust Him. It’s not that we don’t have to address the issues and difficulties—it is the fact that we first turn to the Lord for His strength, insight, and perspective.

In **Joshua 6:2**, the Lord said to Joshua: ***“See, I have given Jericho into your hand.”*** Notice that the Lord didn’t say he was *going* to give Jericho to Joshua, but that He had *already* given him the city. Before the battle even began, God gave them the victory! Worship allows us to see what’s already ours.

- Do you regularly spend time with God? What does your time with Him look like?
- How can we keep our focus on Jesus instead of our problems?

## 2. Walk

The second thing you must realize when facing an impossible situation is that discipline and obedience are vital to the battle. **Joshua 6:3**: ***“You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days.”*** Joshua had to do something to cooperate with God in the battle. God does His part, but we still have to do ours.

When you get serious about getting free and overcoming obstacles in your life, you’ve got to take the necessary radical steps to position yourself for breakthrough. When we position ourselves to obey God even when we don’t feel like it, or even when it’s hard, we are growing spiritually during this time without even realizing it.

- Pastor Steve encourages us to PUSH–Pray Until Something Happens. Have you ever persevered in prayer and your prayer was answered much later?
- Why can obedience and discipline be hard sometimes? How can we grow in our obedience and discipline?

## 3. War

We are truly in a war. And we are to engage in war as we seize the victory in battle by attacking what’s warring against us. Worship gains the proper perspective; our walk positions our lives for the breakthrough, but it is the shout of war, the declaration of faith, that ultimately disarms the enemy.

**Joshua 6:20** says: ***So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.***

The way of war in the Kingdom of God, the way of conquering impossibilities, ultimately is when our hearts are full of faith, and it is proclaimed from our lips. **Hebrews 11:30** says: ***By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days.***

- What are some ways we can build our faith?
- Who are some people you can walk with as you war against the enemy? Is there anyone going through a hard time that you need to start walking alongside of?

## LIFE CHALLENGE

Choose a Scripture verse that speaks to you about a difficult situation you’re facing. Daily speak that Scripture over your life and stand in faith!