

FIERCE - 1 CARRY ON

Message will help somebody who is about to stop short of something that God intends for you to pursue

Jeremiah 20:11

But God, a most **fierce** warrior, is at my side.

Hebrews 10:36

"You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised."

PERSEVERE

God has made promises to you that you may never see because you stop short.

Carry on press forward persevere and you will receive what is promised.

Relationship, Business, Finances, Spiritual development

THE CYCLE OF DISAPPOINTMENT

PROMISE - EXCITEMENT - DISAPPOINTMENT

THREE REASONS PEOPLE STOP SHORT

1) OUR PERSPECTIVE GETS BLOCKED.

*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." Joshua 6:1-5*

Sometime when we see somebody else's victory we oversimplify their process. And we assume it was just easy for them.

WALLS TOO HIGH

*Jericho small city - one hour march
Could have taken this small city but the walls were too high*

We make the walls bigger than God...

Things are not that unsurpassable. We make the walls bigger.

They are not that big because God is in you and God is bigger than anything you may have to face.

Your perspective = overwhelmed
(revelation does not match reality?)

Victory - feel defeated
Healing - broken
Tell about Jesus - doubt
Give - you have need
Tithe - struggling

COMBATING THE WRONG PERSPECTIVE

1. Worship (Enter his courts with praise)
2. Gather Together (Love and fine works)
3. Stand on HIS promises (All Scripture is beneficial)
His Perspective

Only God can speak in the past tense about a battle you have not yet fought.

2) OUR PROGRESS ISN'T ALWAYS OBVIOUS.

So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." 7 And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord." 8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them.

MAKING PROGRESS

TRAFFIC - Rather be moving

9 The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding. 10 But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!" 11 So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there. 12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. 13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding. 14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. **They did this for six days.** Joshua 6:6-14

Walking? They had been **walking** in the wilderness for 45 years..
How was this progress?

Joshua did not tell them of the plan...

Mysterious ways
Only God knows

When we walk with God - he may be shaping us and changing us
and preparing us to bring down walls...

**Any obedience is progress! - Next Week The One Thing You
Can Do To Make Things Happen**

3) THE PROCESS IS OPEN-ENDED.

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!" Joshua 6:15-16

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. Joshua 6:20

This was not the last battle they would fight.
Getting to see God take down the walls of a city that they say as having high walls... Giants

When you have a victory its preparing you for a greater victory.
When these walls fall, you still need to march on!

Pray when you don't see answers
Show up when you think no one will miss you
Give when you don't see the provision

Whats on the Inside?

What God wants to do in us must come before what he wants to do for us.

Don't check out - 7th Day is Coming