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Session 4 Outline

I. Introduction: Trusting God's Timing

- **Rahab's Redemption:** What label would you have?
- **God's Timing & Our Readiness:** Momentum vs. God's call to pause.
- **Question to Consider:** Have you ever jumped into action before fully understanding God's plan?

II. Consecration Before Conquest (Joshua 5:2-12)

- **God's Unconventional Command:** Circumcision before battle.
- **The Reproach of Egypt Rolled Away:** Gilgal as a place of renewal.
- **The First Passover in the Promised Land:** Transition from manna to the land's produce.

III. Meeting the Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:13-15)

- **Joshua's Question:** "Are you for us or for our enemies?"
- **God's Answer:** "No, but as Commander of the Lord's Army, I have come."
- **Key Takeaway:** The real question is whether *we* are on God's side.
- **Connection to Moses:** Holy ground moment, submission to God.

IV. The Unconventional Battle Plan (Joshua 6:1-14)

- **Marching in Silence:** The power of patient obedience.
- **Ark of the Covenant Leading the Way:** God's presence at the center.
- **Why Silence?**
 - Patience – Waiting on God's timing.
 - Discipline – Controlling speech and emotions.
 - Trust – Obedience even when things seem illogical.

V. The Seventh Day: Victory Through Faith (Joshua 6:15-21)

- **The Seven Circuits & The Shout:** Obedience leads to breakthrough.
- **What Did They Shout?** The missing detail—so we don't idolize a formula.
- **Total Destruction & The Devotion of the City to God:** Understanding God's justice and mercy.

VI. Rahab's Redemption (Joshua 6:22-25)

- **God's Grace to a Sinner:** Rahab and her family are saved.
- **A Picture of Salvation:** Faith and obedience lead to inclusion in God's people.
- **Rahab's Legacy:** An ancestor of King David and Jesus Christ.

VII. Joshua's Final Declaration (Joshua 6:26-27)

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- **A Solemn Warning:** "Cursed is the man who rebuilds this city."
- **Future Fulfillment:** In 1 Kings 16:34, the curse is fulfilled in the days of Ahab.
- **Lesson:** Do not rebuild what God has torn down.

VIII. Key Applications for Today

1. **Trust God's Timing** – Obedience often requires waiting.
2. **God's Victory is Through Faith, Not Strength** – The battle was won by divine power, not human might.
3. **Align with God, Not the Other Way Around** – True faith means submitting fully to His plan.
4. **God's Mercy is Greater Than Our Past** – Like Rahab, we are grafted into God's family.
5. **Spiritual Preparation Before Battle** – Consecrate yourself before stepping into God's promises.


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Introduction: When God’s Plan Requires Waiting

Have you ever felt like God was making you wait longer than necessary?

Sometimes, we expect immediate movement, but God calls us to first _____, _____, and _____ before stepping forward.


 **Key Thought:** Our victory doesn’t come from our own _____; it comes when we trust in God’s _____.


I. Consecration Before Conquest (Joshua 5:2-12)

Before entering battle, Israel had to be fully _____ to God.

God’s instructions seemed strange:

- ◆ **Before fighting:** He commanded them to undergo _____ in enemy territory.
- ◆ **Before entering the land:** They celebrated their first _____ in the Promised Land.
- ◆ **Before the walls fell:** They were told to march in _____.


 **Key Lesson:** God’s victories come when we are spiritually _____ to Him before stepping into the battle.


 **Personal Reflection:** What is God asking you to surrender or prepare in faith before your next step?

II. The Commander of the Lord’s Army (Joshua 5:13-15)

When Joshua met a warrior with a drawn sword, he asked, “*Are you for us or for our enemies?*” The answer? “_____.”

God’s message was clear: The real question isn’t whether God is on our side, but whether **we are _____ to Him.**

 **Key Lesson:** True faith doesn’t ask God to bless our plans but calls us to _____ to His.

 **Personal Reflection:** Where in your life do you need to shift from asking God to “bless your plans” to fully submitting to His?


III. The Battle Plan That Made No Sense (Joshua 6:1-14)

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- Instead of a military attack, God instructed Israel to:
March around Jericho once a day for _____ days.
On the seventh day, march around _____ times.
The priests carried the _____ of the Covenant.
They were commanded to remain in total _____.


 **Key Lesson:** Sometimes, faith requires moving forward even when the path doesn't _____.

 **Personal Reflection:** Has God ever asked you to take a step of obedience that didn't make sense at the time? What was the outcome?

IV. The Seventh Day: Faith, Obedience, and Victory (Joshua 6:15-21)


- ◆ On the seventh day, they marched seven times, and at Joshua's command, they finally _____.
- ◆ The walls didn't fall because of human effort, but because of their _____ in God's power.
- ◆ Everything in Jericho was to be devoted to _____.


 **Key Lesson:** Obedience often comes before _____.

 **Personal Reflection:** Is there something in your life that you've been waiting on God for? How might obedience in the waiting change your perspective?

V. Rahab's Redemption (Joshua 6:22-25)

Rahab had a reputation: She was known as **Rahab the** _____.
But her past didn't define her. Her faith did. Because she trusted Yahweh, she and her family were _____.

 **Key Lesson:** Your _____ doesn't define you—your faith does.

 **Personal Reflection:** What "labels" have you believed about yourself that God is calling you to surrender?


VI. Joshua's Warning & the Legacy of Jericho (Joshua 6:26-27)

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Joshua declared that Jericho should never be rebuilt. Centuries later, a man tried to rebuild it, and it cost him his _____.

 **Key Lesson:** When God removes something, don't try to _____ it.

 **Personal Reflection:** Is there something in your life that God has asked you to walk away from, but you've been tempted to return to?

Final Thoughts: Keep Walking in Faith

- ◆ Sometimes, victory comes after a season of _____.
- ◆ God's ways are not our ways, but His _____ is perfect.
- ◆ Faith isn't about always seeing immediate results—it's about trusting God's _____.

 **Personal Takeaway:** What is one thing you will apply from this message in your walk with God this week?