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Series Title: Faith That Brings the Walls Down
Key Scripture: Joshua 6:1–20; Hebrews 12:2
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/by-faith-series-part-7-jerichos-wall-fell
Date + Speaker: August 9, 2026 | Pastor Mark Scarr

The Big Idea:
The faith that brought down the walls of Jericho was a faith that trusted God in an impossible situation, followed His unique plan, praised in faith, believed that God had already given the victory and acted in obedience despite uncertainty. Faith does not mean we never experience fear, worry or doubt; it means we choose to act on what we believe about God rather than allowing uncertainty to control us.

Starter:
Have you ever had to keep going even when you could not see any progress or know how things would turn out? What helped you keep going?

Discussion:

1. Read Joshua 6:1–5. Jericho appeared impossible to conquer because of its strong walls. What made Israel's situation seem impossible, and how did God ask them to respond to that situation?

2. The sermon repeatedly emphasized, “Keep marching. Keep walking. Keep trusting.” What do you think it means to keep marching in faith when you do not see immediate results? Is there an area of your life where you need to keep going?

3. God's plan for Jericho was unusual: Israel was instructed to march around the city, remain silent, blow the trumpets and eventually shout. Why do you think trusting God's plan can be difficult when it does not make sense from a human perspective?

4. The Israelites praised God before they saw the walls fall. What does it look like to praise God in the middle of an unresolved situation? Why can praising God be difficult when our circumstances have not changed?

5. The sermon emphasized that Israel was not “proceeding to victory” but “proceeding from victory.” Read Joshua 6:2. How does knowing that God had already promised them victory change the way we understand their marching and obedience?

6. The Ark of the Covenant, representing God's presence, was positioned in the middle of Israel's battle plan. What does this teach us about God's presence when we are facing our own “Jericho walls”? How can remembering that God is with us change the way we face difficulty?

7. The sermon described Israel's faith as active obedience through diligent preparation, careful discipline, patient repetition, audacious shouting, and complete obedience. Which of these aspects do you find most challenging in your own faith? Why?

8. The sermon described faith as “belief plus some uncertainty” and emphasized acting on the belief rather than the uncertainty. How can we continue to move forward in faith when we still experience fear, worry, or doubt?

9. The sermon ended with the question, “Are you stalling by faith or are you living by faith?” What does it look like to stall instead of actually living by faith? What is one step God may be asking you to take even though you do not have everything figured out?

Application:

What is one specific “Jericho wall” or situation in your life where God may be calling you to keep marching, keep trusting and obey Him even though you cannot yet see the outcome?

Prayer:

Pray that God would strengthen our faith to trust Him when situations seem impossible. Pray that we would continue marching, praising and obeying even when we cannot see immediate results. Pray that we would not allow fear, doubt or uncertainty to cause us to stall, but that we would keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and live by faith.