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Mission Possible: Overcoming Obstacles 2
Take a Lap

TEXT: Joshua 6:1-10, 20

Last week, we looked at some LIFE Lessons for overcoming obstacles in our lives and in our journeys of faith that we learn from the Children of Israel as they faced Jericho.

Today we are going to continue talking about Overcoming Obstacles out of Joshua chapter 6.

RELAX: Let the LORD Work. When facing obstacles in your way, REMEMBER the Lord is there to stay. Deuteronomy 31:7-8

- ❖ The Lord didn't leave them alone on their Journey.
 - On the MISSIONS of LIFE, He has given you...
He goes before you & is making the MISSION POSSIBLE.
- ❖ The Lord is working on your circumstance. He prepares the WAY. Joshua 2:9-11, 5:1, 6:1
 - The Lord had been preparing Jericho for their arrival.
 - The Lord is Working on your circumstance...
- ❖ Let Him work in you! Philippians 1:6
 - Just as he prepared the Children of Israel & Joshua for the challenges that lay before them in the Land of Promise. He's preparing you for whatever you face today.
 - LIFE is the training ground & the playing field.
 - The FAITH to overcome the obstacles of tomorrow comes from the faith we live today.
- ❖ Let HIM Work in others.
 - God is always working on the hearts of people. Let Him. Joshua 2:12-13 Prepared Rahab's heart for salvation.
 - People aren't the problem.
 - Don't be so objective focused that you aren't people focused. They are watching you, while He's at work on them.

RELY on Him.

- ❖ God gave them a promise. (Promised Land)
 - Hope sees the possibility. *"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."* Hebrews 11:1 NLT
 - Hope sees the POSSIBLE through the odds.
- ❖ Re-EVALUATE how you see obstacles. Joshua 6:2

- What is God's Divine perspective?
 - Faith sees beyond what is seen. Ephesians 2:5-6
- What does His Word or promise say?
 - "Lord I believe, help me in my *weakness*." Mark 9:24

WALK it out.

- ❖ Follow His plan & pay attention to the details. Last week we emphasized "God's plan works" so let's follow His plan.
 - **PAY Attention to the DETAILS**
 - Joshua 6:10 the People were commanded, don't get ahead of GOD. Don't shout or make a noise, nor say a word until the day I say SHOUT... Then SHOUT!
 - GET quiet in HIS PRESENCE!
 - DREAM about what the circumstance would look like "if" God's Word came through.
 - EVERYONE knew the problem... there was no reason to talk about it. Instead keep steady and obey God.
- ❖ Momentum Matters
 - START – They began walking while the walls were still up.
 - They obeyed God even when their heads said, "this is ridiculous."
 - I believe their silence allowed them to dream & imagine what it'd be like with walls down and imagine themselves running into the town. This inspired faith.
 - ASK- What is on the other side of the obstacle? Mark 11:22-26
 - What does victory look like?
 - What is one small thing the obstacle is trying to prevent you from doing or lying to you about that you can do right now.
 - Stay Steady – establish consistency
 - V8 – Stay in His PRESENCE every step.
 - Do what you know to do. With His WORD & PROMISE, take the step of faith. Take a LAP. Don't stop mid lap.
 - How many LAPS you going to take?
 - AS many laps as it's going to take.
 - I'm gonna take a lap and keep taking a LAP until GOD SAYS it's time to shout.

When we believe in the impossible, it becomes possible, and we can do all kinds of extraordinary things. – **Madeleine L'Engle**