



### **Joshua's Leadership Tip #7**

#### **PTL: A Battle Strategy**

*So the people shouted, and priests blew the trumpets; and it came about, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city.*

*(Joshua 6:20 NASB)*

Who does not love the classic historical account of the Wall of Jericho? It is taught to children in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. I must confess my favorite rendition of the story is with the kids' movie Veggie Tales. The movie captures how absurd the Lord's plan sounded to the Israelites. Yet, this is precisely why it worked. God provided the plan, directed the steps, and received all the credit. Our conflict with the world can follow the same strategy. We begin by being reminded that the world has already been conquered by Jesus.

*Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33).*

As we are reminded many times, the victory is complete—Hallelujah! As we praise God, we are stuck here trying to live godly in an ungodly place. Therefore, the Apostle John gave us his wisdom:

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world... By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error (1 John 4:1,5)*

We need to look at everything in our world through the eyes of truth. Not just my truth or your truth, but Biblical truth. Today finding good, solid Bible teaching is more and more difficult. Add to this the challenge of finding solid Bible teachers and leaders. This is even more

challenging when we look at health care and nursing. The fundamental ethical and moral values of nursing have become scarce and confusing.

“The world pressures us and hammers us and tries to conform us to its mold.”(1). Yet, we stand firm using our weapons and keeping our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith (Ephesians 6:10-18; Hebrews 12:2). As you reflect on your current conflict with the world, be reminded that the walls of Jericho were not brought down by human ability. They tumbled down with praise and worship. Find your favorite praise song to stay rooted against the tempting lure of our culture.

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(1) Keathley III, J. Hampton. 9. Destruction of the Amorite Coalition (Joshua 10:1-43)

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