Encounter and Exploits

Crossing Over To Possess The Land

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Brief Outline of Joshua 1-6:

- They **Enter** The Land Of Promise
- They **Establish** Themselves In God
- They **Execute** The Commands Of God
- Joshua Has An **Encounter** With God
- Godly **Exploits** Follow
The Encounter With God:

- READ: Joshua 5:13-15

- Supernatural Encounter Follows The Establishment And Execution Of God’s Plan

- This Encounter Followed A Time Of Consecrated Spiritual Preparation And Obedience
The Encounter With God:

- The Lord Knows What We Need Before We Need It

- **A Theophany** = A Time in The Old Testament When God Himself Appeared (i.e. In the Person of Jesus Christ)

- Joshua Had A Face To Face Encounter With Christ
The Encounter With God:

- Joshua Fell Facedown And Worshipped

- “Angels Do Not Allow Themselves To Be Worshipped-- This One Commanded Worship -- Who Was This Visitor? It Had To Be God”

-- Chuck Missler
The Encounter With God:

- The Lord's Drawn Sword Shows That He Is **Ready**
- **The Lord** Our God **Is Prepared** To Do **Battle**
- "I Have Given Jericho Into Your Hand"
  - *Know It, Believe It, Live It!*
- The Question Is: Are We On **His** Side
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- READ: Joshua 6:1-15
JERICHO:

- A **Fortress** City
- Walls **30** Feet High And **20** Feet Thick
- Jericho Was A City Considered **Invincible**
- The Capture Of Jericho Would Demonstrate God's **Superiority**
- It Would Prove That God Would Be **Victorious**
God's Strange Strategies

- Man Has A Plan -- **God** Has Other Plans
- God’s Way May Not Make **Sense To People**
- God Wants Us To **Trust** Him And His Plan -- Not Ourselves And Our Plans!
God's Strange Strategies

- **Noah** Built An Ark.

- **Gideon** Reduced An Army From 32,000 To 300

- God's Ultimate Strange Strategy: **The Cross**
The Every-Time Key To Victory

- A Prerequisite To **Victory** Is Obedience
- Obedience Is A Sign To God Of The **Reality Of Our Faith**
- **Obedience** Is The Every-Time Key To Victory
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- *God’s Way Is The Only Way To For Sure Victory*

- Victory Producing Obedience Is Not *Immature Or Manipulative*

- Victory Producing Obedience Says: “*God, Your Ways Are Higher Than My Ways.*”
The Every-Time Key To Victory

- We Flirt With **Disaster** When We Claim To Be In Christ Yet Live In Disobedience.

- There Is A Price To Pay For **Disobedience**

- Before A Jericho Victory **Party** -- We Have To Come Into **Obedience**
The Every-Time Key To Victory

- There can be no victory for the Lord in public unless we experience worship of the Lord in private. --W. Wiersbe