Trust God & His Provision

Greg Kline · Joshua 6:1–7

INTRODUCTION

- Before any of the instructions about marching and shouting, before any of the actual marching and shouting, and before any victory comes verse two.
- Verse two says, See, I have. This is a done deal. God is faithful to his word all the time.
- We can trust God and his provision, understanding that God is the one who sets the terms.

1 God Wants What's Good for His People

Joshua 6:3–5; Numbers 14

- God has given us everything that we could need and then some. But there still is a role for us to play.
- He wants good for you and I. He wants good for the people we love. But good based upon his definition.
- The conquering of Jericho was only going to come to fruition when the Israelites obeyed God's commands, whether it made sense to them, whether it was a sound logical battle plan or not.

2 God Does Not Need Our Greatness or Strength

Psalm 20:1–3; Hebrews 11:30; Hebrews 11:29

- The 20th Psalm, God does not need our greatness or our strength. Notice where victory lies.
- May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob protect you.
- By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.
- Just because God's the one in charge doesn't mean I do nothing.

3 God Doesn't Need Our Great Planning and Genius

Psalm 20:7; Isaiah 55

- God also doesn't need our great planning. He doesn't need my genius.
- What's the problem with that? It's too much me. Too much I. Not enough God.
- Some trust in chariots and some in horses. But we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- God's ways are higher than our ways. So are his thoughts higher than our thoughts.

4 Removing All Doubts and Fears

Matthew 6:25–33; Romans 5:6–10; Matthew 14

- Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.
- If God can take care of nature, he can take care of us.
- His eyes are distracted from Jesus, who was working the miracle through him, and he began to sink.
- The solution is to seek first the kingdom of God as righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

5 Remove All Pride

Habakkuk 1:5–11; Matthew 5:3–12

- Trust in God isn't having it all figured out. Trust in God is knowing that God's the only one with it figured out.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- We need to trust that God's way is best. And so when he reveals his word, I'm willing to stand up for it no matter the cost.
- There's no room in God's plan for my pride. He needs my trust and obedience.

6 Listening and Submitting No Matter the Mission

Matthew 7:24–27; James 2:14–17; Matthew 7:21

- Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- It doesn't say when you agree, when you like it, when it's convenient. Jesus calls us to listen and to submit, no matter the mission.
- Ultimately it comes down to do I trust God for his victory or not.
- Not everyone who says to me, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven will enter.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you've never become a Christian, that opportunity is here for you. But if you are a Christian and you find yourself doubting, know that Jesus forgives.**

MY NOTES