

得勝有餘的獨居之民(4)：

充滿教育性的戰役

于宏潔 07/10/2022

主題經文：約書亞記 6:1-21，7:10-13

背誦經文：35 誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕呢？難道是患難嗎？是困苦嗎？是逼迫嗎？是飢餓嗎？是赤身露體嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？...37 然而，靠著愛我們的主，在這一切的事上已經得勝有餘了。(8:35, 37)

一. 耶利哥城首場戰役的重要

1. 是場面對高大，堅固營壘的戰役

3 ...我們雖然在血氣中行事，卻不憑著血氣爭戰。4 我們爭戰的兵器本不是屬血氣的，乃是在 神面前有能力，可以攻破堅固的營壘，5 將各樣的計謀，各樣攔阻人認識 神的那些自高之事，一概攻破了，又將人所有的心意奪回，使他都順服基督。(林後 10:3-5)

2. 是場充滿教育性的戰役：認識爭戰得勝的關鍵

a. 神大能與恩典的介入

8 耶和華對約書亞說：「不要怕他們；因為我已將他們交在你手裏，他們無一人能在你面前站立得住。」(書 10:8) / 耶和華從天上降大冰雹...打死他們。被冰雹打死的，比以色列人用刀殺死的還多(書 10:11) / ...因耶和華為以色列爭戰(書 10:14b) / 6 耶和華對約書亞說：「你不要因他們懼怕。明日這時，我必將他們交付以色列人...。」(書 11:6)

b. 「信而順從」- 是「一切兵丁」必學功課

2 耶和華曉諭約書亞說：「看哪，我已經把耶利哥和耶利哥的王，並大能的勇士，都交在你手中。3 你們的一切兵丁要圍繞這城，一日圍繞一次，六日都要這樣行。4 七個祭司要拿七個羊角走在約櫃前。到第七日，你們要繞城七次，祭司也要吹角。(書 6:2-4)

二. 沒有 神同在與祝福的艾城之役

1. 學習「單單依靠 神」：爭戰的勝敗在乎耶和華

3 他們回到約書亞那裏，對他說：「眾民不必都上去，只要二三千人上去就能攻取艾城；不必勞累眾民都去，因為那裏的人少。」(書 7:3-4)

2. 學習「單單為著 神」：當滅之物的除滅

▪ 12 因此，以色列人在仇敵面前站立不住...你們若不把當滅之物從你們中間除掉，我就不再與你們同在了。13 你起來，叫百姓自潔，對他們說：『你們要自潔，...你們中間有當滅之物，你們若不除掉，在仇敵面前必站立不住！』(書 7:12-13)

❖ 當滅之物「若」不除掉的可怕後果：

a. 我就不再與你們同在(書 7:12)

b. 在仇敵面前必站立不住(書 7:13)

▪ 不要自欺，神是輕慢不得的。人種的是甚麼，收的也是甚麼。(加 6:7)

People Dwelling Alone Who Are More Than Conquerors (4):

First Two Educationally Rich Battles

Key Verses: Joshua 6:1-21; 7:10-13

Memorization Verses: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Rom 8:35,37)

1. The Importance of the Battle of Jericho being the first battle
 - a. It's a battle facing a great and fortified fortress
 - ❖ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, (2 Cor 10:3-5)
 - b. It's an educational battle: Understanding the key to victory
 - i. The Intervention of God's Power and Grace
 - ❖ And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." (Jos 10:8) / ... the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword. (Jos 10:11) / for the Lord fought for Israel. (Jos 10:14b) / But the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver all of them slain before Israel. ..." (Jos 11:6)
 - ii. "Trust and Obey" - a must-learn lesson for "every soldier"
 - ❖ And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. (Jos 6:2-4)
2. The Battle of Ai that is without the Presence and Blessings of God
 - a. Learning to "Rely on God Alone": The battle belongs to the Lord
 - ❖ And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai (Jos 7:3-4)
 - b. Learning "For God Alone": The destruction of the accursed things
 - ❖ Therefore, the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you

destroy the accursed from among you. Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you." (Jos 7:12-13)

- ❖ The dreadful consequences "if" the accursed things are not removed:
 - "Neither will I be with you anymore" (Jos 7:12)
 - "You cannot stand before your enemies" (Jos 7:13)
- ❖ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (Gal 6:7)