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Chapter 6

Vayechi & Shemot

In this chapter we read of the plan of the conquest of Jericho, the execution of the plan, and the aftermath. Jericho is the first—and archetypal—battle Israel fights in the Land. The type of open miracle we see here is never repeated in future battles, demonstrating that Israel's success is not dependent on a militaristic strategy or numbers but on God alone.

Joshua Discussion Questions:

1. How is it that you are like Jericho—building up your defenses against God, truth, or His people?
2. As this episode unfolds we see the centrality of the ark of the covenant. What are the implications of this? What is in the ark that brings further meaning?
3. What is your best explanation for how God is just in issuing the orders found in verse 21?
4. How does this chapter lead you to praise God? To repent?
5. How has God required you to be patient as you wait on Him to bring about victory in your spiritual battles?

Vayechi & Shemot Discussion Questions:

6. Speak to the power of seeing with "the good eye." Can you think of an example of how you shifted a perspective of a person or event, and that shift made a big difference for you or someone else? In which places in life do we have to exert the most energy to see with the good eye?
7. What can you do practically to remind yourself to see in a balanced way?
8. Does the name "Israel" mean the same thing as "life is just a struggle?" What should our perspective be on struggle in this life? How can we keep from being weighed down by the "struggle?"

