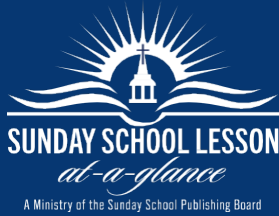


**LESSON 2—March 14, 2021**

**Spring Quarter 2021 Theme:**  
Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant  
**Unit I: Faithful Prophets**

**Lesson Titles:**  
**Making Wise Choices**

(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

**Joshua: Prophet of Conquest**

(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

**Devotional Reading:**

Hebrews 11:23-31

**Background Scriptures:**

Joshua 5:13–6:27

**Print Passages:**

Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 15-16, 20

**Key Verse(s):**

The Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. (Joshua 6:2, KJV)

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The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men." (Joshua 6:2, NIV)

**► Questions to Consider:**

1. What was significant about Joshua's encounter with the true Commander-in-Chief, the Lord Himself?
2. What weapons did God use for the destruction of Jericho?
3. What does this lesson say about obedience and following God's command?

**► Lesson Context:**

- After 40 years - a long, wearisome journey through the wilderness, the children of Israel were finally ready to enter the land **promised** to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- God selected **Joshua**, a man who had been a faithful assistant to Moses, as the nation's next leader.
- Joshua prepared God's people to cross the Jordan River and enter the long-awaited Promised Land.

**► Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Explain how Joshua acted obediently to the vision from God.
- Reflect on our inefficiencies when challenges overwhelm us.
- Commit to obeying God especially in challenging time.

## ► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

### I. Encountering the **Commander-in-Chief** (Joshua 5:13-15)

Key Point 1: Joshua had been assured that God was with him and would give him success if he faithfully **obeyed** His word.

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Key Point 2: Joshua, discerning that he was in God's presence, prostrated himself in a position of worship.

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### II. The Commander-in-Chief's **Battle** Strategy (Joshua 6:1-5)

The Commander-in-Chief gave Joshua detailed instructions regarding how Israel would proceed to overthrow Jericho.

Key Point 1: Joshua was given specific directions for how Israel was to approach the city of **Jericho**.

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Key Point 2: Without **God**, Israel's army would have faced definite defeat.

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### III. **Victory** through Obedience (Joshua 6:15-16, 20)

Key Point 1: The people **obeyed** God.

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Key Point 2: Joshua told the people that the Lord had given them the **city**.

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## ► Lesson Summary:

- The story of Joshua illustrates that men and women who lead God's people must be anchored to the power and presence of God.
- Whenever God calls us to join Him in His kingdom work, we must follow His directions even if we do not understand His chosen methods.
- God does not require that we always understand His will. What He does require is that we obey His commands even if they appear to be unclear or unreasonable from our perspective.

► **What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)**

1. How does Joshua's encounter with God compare with that of Moses' at the burning bush? What spiritual lessons does the text teach us?

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2. Why does God call us to follow directions we may not fully understand?

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3. What was Christ's purpose for making obedience a proof of our love for Him?

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► **As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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