

Feeble means, great results

Have you ever had the feeling that you just don't have what it takes to do the task before you? There have been many experiences in my life where I have felt like I just don't measure up. I don't have the qualities or abilities to do what I need to do. We often evaluate a situation, meditate on it, and then come to the conclusion that it can't be done. As I write today, I will be looking at our 'feeble means.'

As we have studied the heroes of the faith, we quickly realize that most of them didn't have what it takes to do the job, but God did. The journey of the Hebrew children is a great source of teaching to Christians. There were many obstacles that had to be overcome. These obstacles represent giant tasks with no means to conquer them. The crossing of the Red Sea is one of those impossible obstacles, but it was nothing for a Great and Mighty God. The bottom line is that God brought them through it.

Now, the Hebrew children were faced with the great challenge of destroying Jericho. How could this come to pass? What do we really know about Jericho? Jericho is on 9 acres of land that is located in a fertile plain near the Jordan River, west of Moab. It was a city of commerce that was on a trade route. It was a double-wall, fortified city. The outer wall was 15 feet tall and 6 feet thick. On the inside was a 46 foot wall. Just as God directed the peo-



JUST A THOUGHT

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ple to cross the Red Sea, He is now leading them to Jericho where He wants them to destroy the city. How could this be possible? When Joshua got the marching orders from God, he immediately directed the people with God's plan. We must understand that these people were not people of war. They were not equipped in such a manner that they had all they needed. However, God gives the battle plan, and now they are to put the wheels in motion. No trenches to be opened, no battering rams, and no military preparations to be made. They were to march around the city for seven days. Once a day, for six days, and on the seventh day, seven times. They would be led by the priests who would carry the Ark of the Covenant. It doesn't sound like much of a battle plan to me, but on the seventh day after the sev-

Hebrews 11:30

enth time around, they were to shout and the walls would come down.

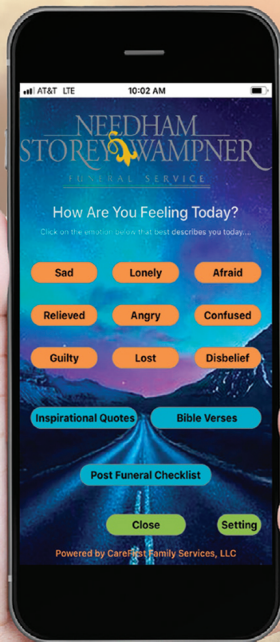
As I look at this story, I wonder why God would give such instructions. God appointed this method to magnify His power. We must always realize that the battle is the Lord's, and He will always deliver His people. He didn't want the people to believe that they had won the battle. He wanted them to know it was Jehovah God. When we go through various trials (battles) in this life we must always remember that the battle is the Lord's.

You may be wondering, what weapon was used? It was the weapon of Faith. There is no other weapon needed for the believer. When the Hebrew children shouted out at the end of the seventh time around, the walls crumbled and the people went in and destroyed the city.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us "without faith it is impossible to please God." These people were walking by faith, and God was delivering the enemy over to them. What an amazing story. We are no different than the people of Israel when it comes down to the workings of God. He has always been The Great Deliverer, and He always will be.

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