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1. Surrender to Christ is the first step in living into God's victory. Have you fully surrendered to the Lord? What areas of your life are you still holding on to? Take a few moments and consider why you are still relying upon your own strength.

After marching around the city for six days—not saying a word, just marching and blowing the rams horns (shofar)—the Israelites demonstrated their trust in God. On the seventh day, they marched around this ancient city of Jericho seven times as the Lord had instructed them, and after the seventh time on the seventh day there was one long blast on the horns. "When the people heard the sound of the rams' horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it" (Joshua 6:20).

2. Think of a time your faith suddenly became real. There was a time when I personally witnessed massive walls of _____ collapse in my life.

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see." How did experiencing God's victory encourage you to trust the Lord even more?

3. There was more to the Promised Land than just Jericho. There were more walls to fall, more fighting, more conquering in order to displace evil in the land with good. In the space below, name the walls that still need to come down in you for God's promises (and power!) to be unleashed in you.

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