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SERIES

You Can't Stay Silent

Part Two: The Sound That Breaks Walls

Joshua 6:20, 6:22–25, 6:27 NKJV

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SERMON SCRIPTURES

"So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."

Joshua 6:20 NKJV

"But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, 'Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.' And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho."

Joshua 6:22–25 NKJV

"So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country."

Joshua 6:27 NKJV

OPENING SCRIPTURE

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INTRODUCTION

There are some walls that will not fall because you stare at them. There are some walls that will not fall because you complain about them. There are some walls that will not fall because you explain how long they have been standing. Some walls fall when obedience finally finds its sound.

Israel had been silent, but now silence had served its purpose. The time had come for the people of God to release a sound, not because they were emotional, not because they were trying to be impressive, but because God had spoken.

And when God says shout, you cannot stay silent.

The shout was never just about Israel getting into Jericho. The shout opened the next moment, exposed the power of obedience, preserved Rahab's household, and revealed that the LORD was with Joshua.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In Part One, Israel marched in disciplined silence for six days, holding their tongues while the wall of Jericho stood unmoved. Their silence was assigned, their obedience was tested, and their motives were purified. But silence was never the destination. It was the preparation for a sound that God had already scheduled.

Part Two picks up at the seventh day, the appointed moment when restraint gives way to release. The same people who had been commanded to say nothing are now commanded to shout. And in the verses that follow, we watch obedience reach its sound, the wall collapse, a woman named Rahab pulled out of a falling city, and the reputation of Joshua spread, not because of strategy or self-promotion, but because the LORD was with him.

E4 When the Sound Was Released, the Wall Fell

"So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat." (Joshua 6:20 NKJV)

Verse 20 shows the convergence of timing, priestly sound, and congregational obedience. The priests blew. The people heard. The people shouted. The wall fell. This was not random noise.

This was ordered obedience. They did not shout when they felt like it. They shouted when they were commanded. They did not shout before the trumpet. They shouted after the sound. There is a divine order in this moment.

The wall falling flat symbolizes more than structural collapse. The wall represented resistance, intimidation, and the visible barrier between Israel and possession. When the wall fell, the obstacle that seemed permanent became temporary. But the wall did not fall during the six days of silence. The wall fell when silence matured into sound.

Some walls do not fall because you argue with them; some walls fall when your obedience reaches its appointed sound.

APPLICATION

Some walls do not fall because you argue with them. Some walls do not fall because you complain about them. Some walls do not fall because you explain them. Some walls fall when your obedience reaches its appointed sound. You cannot shout too early, but you also cannot stay quiet too long. There is timing in God. Some people miss the moment because they spoke when God said silence. Others miss the moment because they stayed silent when God said shout.

Echo Church, there are walls in our city that will not fall by marketing alone, charisma alone, creativity alone, or strategy alone. There are walls of unbelief, walls of trauma, walls of religion without relationship, walls of poverty, walls of division, walls of spiritual fatigue, and walls of disappointment with church. God is not calling us to be noisy for attention. He is calling us to be obedient with sound.

When we worship, let it be sound with obedience. When we preach, let it be sound with obedience. When we serve, let it be sound with obedience. When we witness, let it be sound with obedience. Because a sound without obedience is just noise, but a sound released from obedience can become a weapon in the hand of God.

The miracle was not just that the wall fell; the miracle was that Israel had enough discipline to be quiet until God told them to shout.

E5 The Sound Was Not Just for Victory; It Was Also for Rescue

"But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, 'Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.'"
(Joshua 6:22 NKJV)

This movement adds an important dimension to Part Two. The wall fell, but the story did not end with the wall. Rahab had to be rescued. This teaches us that the sound was not only about Israel entering the city. It was also about bringing somebody out. The shout was connected to possession, but it was also connected to preservation.

Rahab was inside Jericho, but she did not share Jericho's fate. She lived in a city under judgment, but she had aligned herself with the God of Israel. She hid the messengers. She acted in faith. She placed the scarlet cord in the window. She trusted the word given to her. So when the wall fell, the spies were sent to get her and her household. This is grace in the middle of judgment. Rahab reminds us that God can preserve someone in a place that is falling.

APPLICATION

This is important because some of us think the wall falling is only about our breakthrough. But what if your breakthrough is also connected to somebody else's rescue? What if God is not just trying to get you in? What if God is trying to bring somebody out? What if your obedience is attached to your family? What if your sound is attached to your children? What if your faith is attached to your household? What if your breakthrough is attached to someone who has been living inside a system God is about to judge? Rahab's story tells us that no one is too far, too stained, too complicated, too overlooked, or too disqualified for God to rescue.

Echo Church, we cannot shout only for ourselves. We are not shouting just because we want walls to fall for us. We are shouting because there are Rahabs in the city. There are families that need rescue. There are people who have been written off by religious systems. There are people living inside walls that are falling, and God wants them brought out alive.

Our sound must be evangelistic. Our sound must be compassionate. Our sound must be missional. Our sound must make room for people with complicated stories. Because if Rahab can be rescued from Jericho, somebody can be rescued in Fayetteville.

The wall did not fall so Israel could celebrate alone; it fell so somebody inside the city could be brought out alive.

E6 When God Is With You, Your Witness Will Speak

“So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.”
(Joshua 6:27 NKJV)

The passage ends by confirming Joshua's leadership. This verse connects back to Joshua 1, where God told Joshua, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. Jericho becomes public evidence that God is with Joshua. Joshua's fame spreads, but the text is careful: the source of Joshua's fame is the presence of the LORD. It does not say Joshua was with Joshua. It does not say strategy was with Joshua. It does not say popularity was with Joshua. It says, the LORD was with Joshua.

In Scripture, divine presence is the true mark of legitimacy. Joshua does not become credible because he self-promotes. He becomes credible because God confirms His word through him. The spreading of Joshua's fame is not celebrity culture. It is covenant confirmation. The people around the land begin to hear that God is with him.

APPLICATION

For the believer today, this means you do not have to manufacture a name when God is with you. You do not have to force doors open. You do not have to manipulate attention. You do not have to build a platform out of insecurity. When God is with you, your obedience becomes your witness. This does not mean everyone will like you. It does not mean everyone will understand you. It does not mean the journey will be easy. But it does mean that God knows how to confirm what He called.

Echo Church, our prayer is not, make us famous. Our prayer is, Lord, be with us. Because if the Lord is with us, the witness will spread. If the Lord is with us, the city will know. If the Lord is with us, families will be restored. If the Lord is with us, lives will be changed. If the Lord is with us, the walls will fall. We are not trying to be loud just to be noticed. We are releasing a sound because God has given us an assignment.

When the LORD is with you, you do not have to chase fame; faithfulness will create a witness.

CLOSING POINT

You cannot stay silent. Not after what God has brought you through. Not after what God has promised you. Not after what God has placed in your mouth. Not after the walls you have marched around. Not after the seasons where you had to obey in silence.

But make sure your sound comes from obedience. Do not shout because you are angry. Do not shout because you need attention. Do not shout because you are trying to prove something. Do not shout because everybody else is making noise. Shout because the LORD has spoken. Shout because the LORD has given you the city. Shout because there are walls that need to fall. Shout because there are Rahabs that need to be rescued. Shout because there are households that need to come out alive. Shout because when the LORD is with you, your obedience becomes a witness.

QUOTE

The sound God releases through you is not just for the wall in front of you; it is for the people waiting on the other side of your obedience.

CROSS REFERENCES

Joshua 1:5 says that as God was with Moses, so He would be with Joshua. The witness of Jericho becomes the public confirmation of that promise.

Hebrews 11:30–31 records that by faith the walls of Jericho fell and Rahab was not destroyed with the disobedient. Faith brought down the wall and faith preserved the woman inside it.

James 2:25 points to Rahab being justified by her works when she received the messengers. Her rescue was the fruit of an active, obedient faith.

2 Corinthians 10:4 reminds us that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds. The sound that breaks walls is spiritual, not merely loud.
