

**“The Power of Everyone”**  
**August 25, 2019 Week 1**

**Potential - having or showing the capacity to become or develop into something in the future.**

**The Lord’s Commander Confronts Joshua**

<sup>13</sup> When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, “Are you friend or foe?” <sup>14</sup> “Neither one,” he replied. “I am the commander of the Lord’s army.” At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. “I am at your command,” Joshua said. “What do you want your servant to do?” <sup>15</sup> The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did as he was told. **Joshua 5:13-15 NLT**

- Joshua desired to honor The Lord with his life.
- Joshua desired to be obedient without hesitation.
- Joshua had seen generations of disobedience.
- Joshua had just seen God stop a flooding river.

The Lord told Joshua, “Today I will begin to make you a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites. They will know that I am with you, just as I was with Moses.” **Joshua 3:7 NLT**

<sup>15</sup> It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river’s edge, <sup>16</sup> the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam... **Joshua 3:15-16 NLT**

- Joshua took the time to honor what God had done.

<sup>6</sup> “We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.” **Joshua 4:6-7 NLT**

**The Fall of Jericho**

<sup>1</sup> Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. <sup>2</sup> But the Lord said to Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. <sup>3</sup> You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. <sup>4</sup> Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram’s horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. <sup>5</sup> When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams’ horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town.” <sup>6</sup> So Joshua called together the priests and said, “Take up the Ark of

the Lord’s Covenant, and assign seven priests to walk in front of it, each carrying a ram’s horn.” <sup>7</sup> Then he gave orders to the people: “March around the town, and the armed men will lead the way in front of the Ark of the Lord.”

<sup>8</sup> After Joshua spoke to the people, the seven priests with the rams’ horns started marching in the presence of the Lord, blowing the horns as they marched. And the Ark of the Lord’s Covenant followed behind them. <sup>9</sup> Some of the armed men marched in front of the priests with the horns and some behind the Ark, with the priests continually blowing the horns. <sup>10</sup> “Do not shout; do not even talk,” Joshua commanded. “Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!” <sup>11</sup> So the Ark of the Lord was carried around the town once that day, and then everyone returned to spend the night in the camp. **Joshua 6:1-11 NLT**

<sup>14</sup> On the second day they again marched around the town once and returned to the camp. They followed this pattern for six days. <sup>15</sup> On the seventh day the Israelites got up at dawn and marched around the town as they had done before. But this time they went around the town seven times. <sup>16</sup> The seventh time around, as the priests sounded the long blast on their horns, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the town!”

**Joshua 6:14-16 NLT**

- God had promised them.
- God had gone before them.
- Everyone had his part.
- Everyone contributed.
- Sometimes God has us do things that don’t make sense.

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. **Joshua 6:20 NIV**

- When they all shouted together the wall came down.
- There is power in unity.
- There is power when we come together as the body of Christ.

**Next Steps for me today...**

- Today I choose to honor God with my life by accepting Jesus Christ by faith for salvation.
- Today I choose to do my part and give The Lord my best.