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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1458 ~ The Fall of Jericho.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

To succeed in life we must think carefully about the best way to reach our goal. We must look after small things, as well as the larger ones that will help us to be successful. But what is success? Is it just getting our own way? Is it having a high-paying job? Is it being the boss of a business? Is it having a fine home and good harvests?

Or is it finding out what our great Creator wants us to do, and **doing** it?

Here is a true story about a woman who left her homeland. When she was young, through a misunderstanding, her father had turned her out. He had ordered her mother and her brothers never to speak to her again. So she had escaped to another country and made a new life for herself. She was earning good money. She owned a beautiful home, a good car and even had a holiday house in the mountains.

People thought she had done well and had succeeded in life.

But inside, she was very unhappy and her problems were getting too much for her. At last, she cried out to the great Creator God, "What do You want of me?" She would stop doing things her own way. She would put her whole life in God's hands and do anything He wanted. And God answered her. He showed her she should leave her comfortable job, sell everything and return to her homeland.

That meant she needed great faith, obedience and self-control. God wanted her to go to her family and renew her relationship with them. It all seemed rather strange, but she was sure this was what God wanted her to do.

A year later, she had sold up everything and was back in her homeland. The walls around the heart of her family were very thick. Her parents and brothers did not welcome her. But she chose to do exactly as God had told her and, at last, the walls of anger and misunderstanding came down. God had used her obedience and love to heal the family.

In today's drama, the children of Israel knew their own power could not bring them victory. But they knew God had chosen Joshua to lead them, and they were ready and willing to obey. Even though God's way sounded a bit strange, they chose to follow without questioning or grumbling.

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In today's world, the city of Jericho would seem just like a large village, but it had strong, thick walls and heavy city gates to keep out enemies.

The two spies Joshua had sent earlier, had learnt that the people of Jericho were afraid. Everyone in Jericho knew the Almighty God has great power. They had heard all about His wonderful miracles and how He had helped His people.

Nevertheless, Jericho was strong and its people would fight hard. They would not give in to the Israelites' God. So how could the children of Israel possibly break down those strong walls?

In the Bible book Mark, chapter 10, the Lord Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "Everything is possible for God."

Joshua trusted God fully. He knew he could not win by himself, but he knew the Creator God has power over everything. The God of Israel was far greater than the false gods of Jericho.

God's plan for capturing Jericho sounded rather strange. An army usually attacks. It doesn't just march around, blowing trumpets and then go home. But the Israelites understood God knows best. He was worthy of their trust and obedience. If they did exactly as Joshua told them, God would keep His promise. On the seventh day, the city walls fell down, just as God had said and Israel won the battle. Their soldiers saved Rahab, who had helped their spies, together with all her family. Then they destroyed everything else. Nothing was left of Jericho's idol-worshipping society.

The whole of God's holy Word, the Bible, teaches us that God keeps His promises and blesses those who willingly obey Him. God called the Israelites' forefather Abraham, His friend. He promised that Abraham's children would be His special people. Then when God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses, He said He would bless the nation if they kept His laws. If they did **not** and turned and worshipped other gods, the One True God would punish them. Their land would stop yielding good crops. They would suffer serious diseases and other nations would take their sons and daughters into slavery. And this did happen. Throughout the years, most went after false gods, and the whole nation suffered.

Suffering comes to individual people too. One woman built walls of protection in her mind so she could limit the hurt she felt from the upsets in her family. Soon those walls became a prison for her. She was always unhappy and neglectful of her children. How could she break down those walls? The medical people could not help her. Only the Lord Jesus could change her heart from being full of selfishness to being thoughtful of others' needs.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into our world, to take on Himself God's punishment for our wrongdoing. When we turn from our own ways and come to Him, He rescues us from our slavery to sin. He gives us power through His Holy Spirit to overcome our wrong ways. We will still have problems but with them heart-peace and joy.

The Bible book 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, says this, When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone; the new has come. And the book Romans, chapter 6, says, Do not surrender any part of yourselves...to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God. Sin must not be your master, for you do not live under law, but under God's grace.

Through Jesus, we can stand against our own inner wrong ways. And through Jesus we can stand against the things that tempt us to turn back. If we willingly obey God's word, we are like Joshua and his army when they defeated Jericho. The book 1 John, chapter 5, says this, "...every child of God is able to defeat the world. And we win the victory over the world by means of our faith. Who can defeat the world? Only the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

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That was Alfie Silas-durio, and he sang "Who is this King?"

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