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God wants us to work in harmony with his power

The Book of Joshua (chapter 6).

6:15 And on the seventh day, early in the morning, at dawn, they arose, and went round the city seven times, as they were. But this day alone has circled the city seven times.

6:16 And it came to the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua commanded the people to speak, and to shout for strike. For the Lord has delivered the city to you.

As we discuss our walk with God, the cooperation of His power is a profound and rich topic. It's not just a form of obedience, it's a sign of trust and obedience.

God's power is infinite beyond our limited understanding and capabilities. Rather than trying to interpret or limit God's power with our limited wisdom, we should accept, appreciate, and conform to His plan with humility and obedience.

Partnering with God's power means letting go of our pride and ego and being willing to accept God's guidance and revelation. This requires us to have faith that God's plan is far greater than ours and that God's intention is for our good and happiness.

Cooperating with God also means that we follow God's teachings and ways and demonstrate God's love and grace through actions. It's not just a verbal promise, it's a manifestation of actual actions that demonstrate God's glory in our lives and actions.

When we cooperate with the power of God, we are able to experience the deep meaning and value of life. It is an experience that transcends the mundane life and allows us to feel God's guidance and blessings and find true peace and joy in God's will.

Ultimately, it is a wonderful journey to go beyond our own limitations and boundaries and allow us to find true fulfillment and wholeness in God's love and grace. It is a manifestation of faith that allows us to walk with God and experience His wonder and infinite power.

There are many passages in the Bible that speak of God asking us to cooperate with Him, to submit to His will, and to cooperate with His power. Here are some related chapters:

Isaiah 40:29-31 - "He gives power to the weary, and strength to the weak. Even the young men shall be weary and weary, and the strong shall utterly fall. But they that wait on the LORD will renew their strength. They shall rise up like eagles with wings, and they will run without weariness, and walk without fainting. "

Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through him who strengthens me. "

Ephesians 3:20 - "God is able to do all things in abundance according to the mighty power that works in our hearts, beyond what we ask or think." "

II Corinthians 12:9 - "And he said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee, for my power is to be made perfect in human weakness. Therefore I am all the more glad to boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may lay upon me. "

These verses emphasize God's strength and encouragement to trust in His power in the midst of weakness. Cooperating with God's power means relying on His grace and acting under His guidance, trusting in His power beyond our own capabilities.

Christians can practice God's power in a number of ways:

**Trust and Obey God's Word:** Applying the teachings of the Bible to your life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible is a way to express obedience to God. God reveals His plan and heart to us through the Bible, and trusting God's Word is the first step to matching His power.

**Prayer and Devotional:** Build an intimate relationship with God through prayer and devotional. This way of drawing close to God makes us more aware of His guidance and revelation, making it easier to obey His will.

**Rely on the power of the Holy Spirit:** Christians believe that the power of the Holy Spirit can empower them with strength and wisdom. Partnering with God's power means doing things with the help of the Holy Spirit, not on one's own power alone.

**Demonstrate Christ's love and grace:** Demonstrate Christ's love and grace in your daily life. This includes generosity, forgiveness, forgiveness, and service to others, allowing God's love to manifest through our actions.

**Hold the faith and live out the gospel:** Hold the faith in a variety of circumstances and demonstrate the values of the gospel in word and deed. This means faithfully representing Christ and making God's glory manifest in the world, no matter what challenges you face.

These methods not only help Christians develop a closer connection with God, but also enable them to cooperate with God's power in their daily lives and act in God's way and will. It is a manifestation of faith and obedience that allows God's love and power to manifest through us.

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, we are gathered here in your presence and thank You for giving us this opportunity to be in Your presence. Thank you for your love and grace, and for the power you have demonstrated in our lives.

Today, we ask You to give us the wisdom and courage to match your might. Help us trust in Your Word, be obedient to Your will, and exalt Your name in our daily lives.

Give us the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us so that we can conform to your heart in our thoughts, words, and actions. May your love and grace shine through our lives and be a testimony to others seeing your glory.

Strengthen our faith in the face of adversity, knowing that your power overcomes all difficulties and challenges. Help us to be a conduit of your love, a manifestation of your glory and grace.

Lord, we are totally dependent on You. Thank you for being willing to walk with us and achieve more than we could ever imagine. Lead us so that we may glorify and obey you in all things. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

## Joshua chapter 6

Jo. 6:1 Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites.

No-one went out and no-one came in.

Jo. 6:2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

Jo. 6:3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Jo. 6:4 Make seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

Jo. 6:5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, make all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

Jo. 6:6 So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and make seven priests carry trumpets in front of it."

Jo. 6:7 And he ordered the people, "Advance! March around the city, with the armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD."

Jo. 6:8 When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the LORD went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the LORD's covenant followed them.

Jo. 6:9 The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding.

Jo. 6:10 But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day

I tell you to shout. Then shout!"

Jo. 6:11 So he had the ark of the LORD carried around the city, circling it once. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there.

Jo. 6:12 Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

Jo. 6:13 The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the LORD and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets kept sounding.

Jo. 6:14 So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

Jo. 6:15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

Jo. 6:16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!

Jo. 6:17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. Jo. 6:18 But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it.

Jo. 6:19 All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury."

Jo. 6:20 When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city.

Jo. 6:21 They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it — men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

Jo. 6:22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her."

Jo. 6:23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

Jo. 6:24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house.

Jo. 6:25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho — and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

Jo. 6:26 At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: “At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates.”

Jo. 6:27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

Chapter 6 tells the story of the fall of Jericho, one of the major cities of Canaan that the Israelites needed to conquer in order to possess the land. God gives Joshua specific instructions for how to capture the city: the Israelites are to march around the city once a day for six days, and on the seventh day, they are to march around the city seven times. After the seventh lap on the seventh day, the priests are to blow their trumpets, and the people are to shout.

The Israelites follow God's instructions exactly, and on the seventh day, when they shout, the walls of Jericho collapse, allowing the Israelites to enter the city and conquer it. The Israelites are commanded by God to destroy everything in the city, but Rahab, a prostitute who had helped the Israelite spies, and her family are spared.

Chapter 6 emphasizes the power of God and His faithfulness to His promises. The story also demonstrates the importance of following God's instructions exactly, even when they seem unconventional or unlikely to succeed. The sparing of Rahab and her family highlights the idea that God's mercy extends even to those who are not Israelites, and that anyone who trusts in God can be saved.

Joshua chapter 6 contains several important verses in the Christian Bible. Here are a few examples:

1. "Now Jericho was tightly shut up because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in." (Joshua 6:1)
2. "Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.'" (Joshua 6:2-3)
3. "So the ark of the Lord circled the city, going once around it. Then the people returned to camp and spent the night there." (Joshua 6:7)
4. "On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, 'Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!'" (Joshua 6:15-16)
5. "But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day." (Joshua 6:25)

These verses demonstrate the power of God to bring about victory in unexpected ways, and the importance of following His commands even if they seem unusual or illogical. The conquest of Jericho was a significant event in Israel's history, demonstrating God's faithfulness to His people and His power to accomplish His purposes. The sparing of Rahab and her family highlights the importance of faith and repentance, even for those who may not seem worthy or deserving.

In Joshua chapter 6, we witness the miraculous and strategic conquest of the city of Jericho by the Israelites. This chapter provides us with insights into the power of obedience, the faithfulness of God, and the importance of trust in His guidance.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the power of obedience to God's commands. God gives specific instructions to Joshua regarding the conquest of Jericho. The Israelites are to march around the city once a day for six days, and on the seventh day, they are to march around the city seven times, after which the priests are to blow their trumpets and the people are to shout. Despite the unconventional nature of these instructions, Joshua and the Israelites obeyed without question. Their obedience demonstrates their trust in God's wisdom and their willingness to follow His guidance, even when the plan seems unusual or challenging.

The chapter also highlights the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His promises. Prior to the conquest, God had assured Joshua that He had already given Jericho into the hands of the Israelites. The marching, trumpets, and shouts were not the means by which the walls of Jericho fell; it was the power of God at work. Through this miraculous event, God demonstrated His faithfulness to His people and His ability to accomplish His purposes.

Additionally, the chapter emphasizes the importance of trust in God's guidance. The Israelites had to trust that God's instructions would lead to victory, even though they may not have fully understood the reasoning behind them. Trusting in God's guidance required them to let go of their own understanding and rely on His wisdom and power.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 6 teaches us several valuable lessons. It highlights the power of obedience, reminding us of the importance of following God's commands even when they seem unconventional or challenging. Obedience demonstrates our trust in God's wisdom and authority, positioning us to receive His blessings and fulfill His purposes.

Furthermore, the chapter underscores the faithfulness of God. Just as He fulfilled His promise to deliver Jericho into the hands of the Israelites, we can trust that God is faithful to His promises in our own lives. He is always at work, even in the most impossible situations, and He can bring down the walls that stand in our way.

Lastly, the chapter encourages us to trust in God's guidance. Like the Israelites, we may face circumstances where the path ahead seems uncertain or unconventional. However, if we trust in God's wisdom and lean not on our own understanding, He will direct our paths and lead us to victory.

Overall, Joshua chapter 6 teaches us about the power of obedience, the faithfulness of God, and the importance of trusting in His guidance. By reflecting on these lessons, we can cultivate a deeper faith and reliance on God in our own lives.





