

PASSION CITY CHURCH

Study Guide

And The Walls Came Down

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Major Points

- 1 There is a critical difference between professing faith in Christ and possessing faith — God gives the promise but His people must take a step of faith to enter it**
Deuteronomy 1:8
- 2 Fear, not the strength of the enemy, is the real reason God's people miss His promises — the Israelites wandered 40 years because they chose the comfort of bondage over trust**
Numbers 14:1-4
- 3 The enemy already knows that God is God and is more afraid of the believer stepping forward than the believer realizes**
Joshua 2:9-11
- 4 When we recognize our inadequacy, God's answer is not a self-improvement plan but His own presence — I will be with you**
Exodus 3:12
- 5 Many believers ask for clarity when what they need is courage to obey what God has already spoken**
Joshua 1:7-9
- 6 Jesus is the true Joshua — His name means Yahweh is salvation, and He has already taken the land, defeated the enemies, and secured the rest we long for**
Joshua 21:43-45

Key Quotes

“There are a lot of people who raised their hand, who prayed a prayer, who came down to the front of a church, who filled out a membership card, who checked a box and said, yes, I want to put my faith in Jesus Christ.

at 6:16

“They said to each other, we should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.

at 15:33

“I hope you don't come in and take what God has given you, because if you take it, you're gonna be taking it from me, the enemy, and I hope that you don't do that.

at 19:48

“He doesn't put his arm around him and say, come on buddy, you can do it. He goes, I'm sorry, I will be with you. The end.

at 28:20

"A lot of us in church today already have all the clarity we need. We just need the courage to do what God has invited us to do.

at 37:44

"You don't have to go in and defeat any enemies. I've already done that. You don't have to go in and take any land. I've already done that. You don't have to create milk and honey. I've already done that. You don't have to do it. You just have to step into it.

at 45:20

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Giglio draws a distinction between professing faith and possessing faith. In what areas of your life have you stopped at profession without taking the step of possession — actually walking in what God has promised?
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2. Pastor Giglio says the Israelites preferred 'the comfort of their bondage' over the risk of trusting God. Can you identify a familiar bondage or comfort zone that fear is tempting you to stay in rather than stepping into God's promise?
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3. Pastor Giglio points out that Rahab and the people of Jericho were already terrified of Israel's God. How does this reframe the way you think about the obstacles and 'giants' in your own life?
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4. Pastor Giglio challenges the idea that we need more clarity from God, saying many of us actually need courage to obey what He has already spoken. Where in your life might you be using 'I need clarity' as an excuse for inaction?
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5. Pastor Giglio concludes that Jesus is the true Joshua — He has already taken the land and defeated the enemies. How does understanding that the battle is already won change the way you approach a current struggle or decision?
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Word Studies

יהושע

Yehoshua

Hebrew

A compound name from Yahweh (the covenant name of God) and yasha (to save, deliver). Literally 'Yahweh is salvation.' Moses changed Joshua's birth name Hoshea (salvation) to Yehoshua to emphasize that deliverance comes from God Himself, not human effort. This is the Hebrew form of the name rendered in Greek as Iesous (Jesus).

Usage: N/A (OT name; Greek equivalent Iesous appears 917 times in NT)

יָרַשׁ

yarash

Hebrew

To take possession of, to inherit, to dispossess. Used throughout Deuteronomy and Joshua for Israel's active claiming of the promised land. It carries the dual meaning of receiving an inheritance (passive gift) and conquering/dispossessing current occupants (active effort), perfectly embodying the sermon's 'give and take' tension of God's grace and human obedience.

Usage: N/A (OT; 232 occurrences in Hebrew Bible)

θαρσέω

tharseō

Greek

To be courageous, to take heart, to be of good cheer. The Septuagint uses the related verb 'andrizou' (be strong, act like a man) to translate God's command to Joshua. In the New Testament, Jesus uses tharseō to encourage those gripped by fear (e.g., Matthew 14:27), echoing the same divine assurance: do not fear, for I am present.

Usage: 7 times

Cross References

Hebrews 4:1-11

The author of Hebrews explicitly connects Joshua's rest to the rest available in Christ, warning believers not to fall short through unbelief — directly paralleling Pastor Giglio's closing point that Jesus is the true Joshua who provides ultimate rest.

2 Timothy 1:7

Paul writes that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind — reinforcing the sermon's central warning that fear, not the enemy, is the real barrier to possessing God's promises.

Philippians 2:12-13

Paul's command to 'work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you' captures the same give-and-take dynamic Pastor Giglio describes between God's gift and our active possession of faith.

Ephesians 2:8-10

This passage affirms that salvation is by grace through faith, not by works, yet believers are created in Christ Jesus for good works — mirroring the sermon's teaching that we cannot earn salvation but are saved to actively obey.

Isaiah 41:10

God's promise 'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God' echoes the repeated refrain of Joshua 1 and Exodus 3:12 that God's presence is the antidote to fear and inadequacy.

Further Reading

- **Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table**
by Louie Giglio
- **Goliath Must Fall: Winning the Battle Against Your Giants**
by Louie Giglio
- **Be Strong and Courageous: How Israel's Most Important Phrase Can Change Your Life**
by Joshua Straub

Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
Joshua 1:1-5	Read Aloud	1:00	<i>After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, ...</i>
Deuteronomy 1:8	Read Aloud	6:40	<i>See, I have given you this land. Go in and take po...</i>
Romans 10:9	Read Aloud	9:00	<i>If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' a...</i>
Numbers 13:1-2	Read Aloud	13:40	<i>The Lord said to Moses, 'Send some men to explore ...</i>
Numbers 13:27-33	Read Aloud	15:00	<i>They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the la...</i>
Numbers 14:1-4	Read Aloud	17:40	<i>That night all the members of the community raised...</i>
Joshua 2:9-11	Read Aloud	21:40	<i>I know that the Lord has given you this land and t...</i>
Exodus 33:7-11	Read Aloud	27:20	<i>Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside...</i>
Exodus 3:7-12	Read Aloud	33:20	<i>The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of m...</i>
Joshua 1:6-9	Read Aloud	38:20	<i>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead th...</i>
James 4:17	Read Aloud	41:40	<i>If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do a...</i>

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
Joshua 21:43-45	Read Aloud	44:00	<i>So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn ...</i>