Sermon Notes 6-21-26

Joshua 5:13-15: 13 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?”
14 “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?”
15 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.

Ephesians 6:12-13: 12 For we[d] are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies,
but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers
in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore, put
on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time
of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Joshua 6: 1 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. **2** But the Lord said to
Joshua, “I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. **3** You and
your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. **4** 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. **5** 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.”

8 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.

14 On the second day they again marched around the town once and returned to
the camp. They followed this pattern for six days. 15 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. 16 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! 17 Jericho and everything in
it must be completely destroyed[a] as an offering to the Lord. Only Rahab the
prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies.

20 When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as
they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged
straight into the town and captured it. 21 They completely destroyed everything in
it with their swords—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and
donkeys.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57: 56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law
gives sin its power. 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death
through our Lord Jesus Christ.