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It had been nearly 500 years since God made those promises, and only the first one had come true. Sort of. Abraham’s family **HAD** grown to be a nation—the Israelites. But they still didn’t have their own land, and the “blessing for the whole world” was still unclear.

The Israelites had disobeyed God time and time again—so God put them in “time-out” until they were ready to obey Him.

Now, Israel’s long time-out was finally over, and it was time to enter the **PROMISED LAND** once again.

Moses, their leader, gave a long speech, reminding the Israelite kids (who were now grown-ups) of everything God had done for them and all the laws He had given them. Everyone said, “Yes! We’re going to trust God for **SURE** this time!”

And then Moses walked up on top of a mountain . . . and died.

Yep. He died. He got to see the Promised Land from the top of the mountain, but because he had disobeyed God, too, he never got to go in.

Instead, God chose **JOSHUA** to be Israel’s new leader. Joshua was a man who trusted God.





So Joshua led all the Israelites across the Jordan River and into Canaan—the Promised Land!

Of course, they weren't alone in Canaan. Just as soon as they crossed the river, they ran into a city. A pretty big one. It was called **JERICHO**, and it had big strong walls and big strong people who did **NOT** want the Israelites moving into Canaan.

Joshua knew God was giving them this land, but the people of Jericho didn't care about Israel's God. They were ready to fight the Israelites to stop them from going any further. The people of Jericho were going to stay in Canaan, and as long as they were safe behind their big strong walls, there was **NOTHING** the Israelites could do about it.

Then God gave Joshua some very **STRANGE** instructions.

"March around the city one time each day for six days," God said. "On the seventh day, march around the city **SEVEN** times, and have your priests blow horns. When the horns blow, have everyone yell, and the walls of the city will fall down."

Well, that's weird, Joshua must have thought. March around a city for six days? Then blow horns and yell, and these big strong walls will just fall down? Because we yelled at them?

Joshua trusted God. *But did he trust God **THIS** much? What if he had Israel follow God's instructions and nothing happened? They'd all be pretty mad at Joshua! They probably wouldn't want him to be their leader anymore. They might even want to kill him, if the people of Jericho didn't kill him first!*

*What should Joshua do? What would **YOU** do?*



Joshua remembered how God had saved the Israelites—including him—from slavery in Egypt. He was there when God fed them in the desert. Plus, God had told Joshua that He had **ALREADY** given Jericho to him. *Doubt God?* Not Joshua! He had confidence in his **BIG STRONG GOD**.

Joshua led the Israelites as they marched around Jericho for six days. On the seventh day, he had them blow horns and yell, just like God said.

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The Israelites got to enter the Promised Land! And Joshua added **THIS** story to all the stories of an amazing God who could be trusted.

No matter what.



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JOSHUA 1-6



EVERYDAY TRUTH

I can trust God even
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what He is asking me to do.

TALK

Why do you think remembering God's faithfulness helped Joshua trust Him?

Share a time when you needed to trust God.

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Dear God, please give us strength like Joshua to trust You even when we don't understand what You are asking us to do. Amen.



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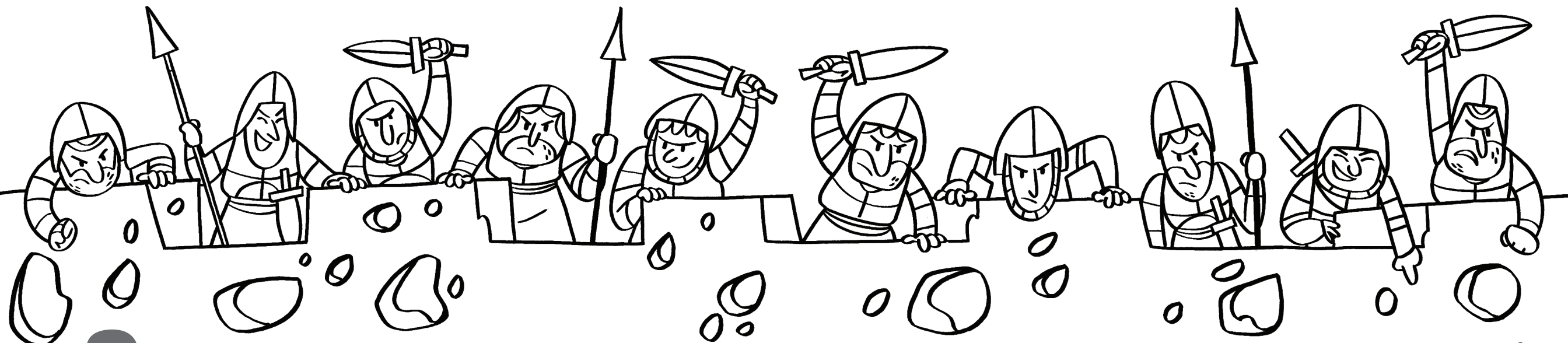
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