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See a Victory

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"As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat." Joshua 6:20

See a Victory

Last Sabbath, my husband led worship and asked me to join him as a vocalist. This, by the way, is one of our most favorite things to do as a couple - invite people into the throne room of heaven through music, praise and worship. I watched all week as he carefully curated his song selection borne out of his own walk with Christ and uniquely tuned in to the struggles of church members. On Sabbath, four songs into our set we came to the "focal point" - the song where we dive in deep, explore its meaning and ask how does it apply to our lives. And with hearts completely bought in, fully surrendered, proclaiming with all our might, we sang:

The weapon may be formed, but it won't prosper When the darkness falls, it won't prevail 'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph My God will never fail Oh, my God will never fail

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You, Lord
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For the battle belongs to You, Lord

There's power in the mighty name of Jesus Every war He wages He will win I'm not backing down from any giant 'Cause I know how this story ends Yes, I know how this story ends

What victory do you need to see in your life today? Victory over finances? Victory over addiction? Victory within a relationship? Victory over pain? I urge you today - give a shout! Give a shout just like God commanded the Israelites as they marched around the walls of Jericho and then lifted their voices of praise with full expectancy.

As you make the Main Thing (Jesus) the main thing in your life this week, may you indeed see a victory!

Reflection & Upcoming Events:

1. <u>Spend time with God on holy ground:</u> If you want Jesus to do a deep soul-work in you, slip off your shoes, get comfortable and spend time in His Word and in prayer (Joshua 5:15).

- 2. <u>Ask Him to tell you His plan for you:</u> Just as God gave specific instructions to the Israelites about how to take down the stronghold of Jericho, He will do the same for you (Joshua 3-7).
- 3. <u>Listen for God's Response:</u> God's Word is living and His Spirit is active but in order to hear Him you must get quiet and listen: *God, what walls do you want to bring down?* What does freedom in you look like? When should I meet with you and pray each day? What is your plan for me? (Joshua 6:2).
- 4. <u>Obey:</u> The people of God had to march for seven days before they experienced deliverance. However God is asking you to participate in deliverance, be obedient. (Joshua 6:8).
- 5. <u>Shout the victory before the walls fall:</u> Shout His praise, believing in what He *will* do before He even does it. (Joshua 6:20).
- 6. Join us for our first Pursue Vespers of the semester at 7:30pm Friday in the University Church with our Chaplain Joseph Khabbaz speaking, followed by Ministry Expo an opportunity to sign up for involvement in a variety of ministries on and off campus!

-Anna Bennett