



**A Winning Strategy or
Complete Foolishness**

October 9-15, 2011

PRAYER:

Begin with a few moments of sharing thanks and praises in prayer.

OPENER: Growing up, what were you taught about fighting? (Turn the other cheek? Stand up for yourself?)

When have you rooted for the “underdog?”

Israel had experienced a great miracle, the enemy was frightened, and God was at work. Now was the time for action! But God told His people to wait. Why? So that He might prepare them for the conquest of the land.

Read: Joshua 5:13-24

Who was the most intimidating person you’ve ever met?

DISCUSS:

Who stands in the way of Joshua (5:13-15)?

What does this divine commander want? Why? What is the effect on Joshua?

What is meant by “take off your sandals” (5:15)? How is this like Moses’ encounter with the “burning bush” (Ex 3:5)?

Read: Joshua 6:1-14

How do you think the Israelites felt about Joshua’s battle plan?

Read: Joshua 6:15-21

What was the purposes of the trumpet blast and the people’s shout?

Read: Joshua 6:22-27

Why did God call for the total destruction of Jericho?

What lesson can you apply from this story?

PLAN for ACTION:

What obstacle or “wall” are you currently facing?

What have you found helpful in breaking down walls? (Marking with the right crowd; seeking God ; obeying God; trusting God; other?)

How can this group pray for you this week?

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