

Confronting Obstacles

Scripture: Joshua 6:16, 20 KJV

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I. Satan will always try to obstruct progress

Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

A. He will plant doubt

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

B. He will sow disharmony

Acts 15:39 And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;

C. He will raise up enemies

Nehemiah 4:7-8 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,⁸ And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

II. God always has a plan for victory

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. **When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift**

up a standard against him.

A. Our plan always involves our resources

John 6:9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: **but what are they among so many?**

B. God's plan always involves His resources

1 Corinthians 10:26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

C. We must rely on His resources

1 Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

III. Obeying God's plan always brings victory

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Joshua 6:20 So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

A. The most important thing we can do is to know His plan

B. Executing His plan unleashes His resources

C. Obeying Him always pays dividends

Conclusion

We can always expect to be confronted by obstacles But we can tap into God's resources to overcome them