

Title: Wibble - Joshua 6 1-9

Read:

¹ Jericho was shut up tight as a drum because of the People of Israel: no one going in, no one coming out. ²⁻⁵ God spoke to Joshua, "Look sharp now. I've already given Jericho to you, along with its king and its crack troops. Here's what you are to do: March around the city, all your soldiers. Circle the city once. Repeat this for six days. Have seven priests carry seven ram's horn trumpets in front of the Chest. On the seventh day march around the city seven times, the priests blowing away on the trumpets. And then, a long blast on the ram's horn—when you hear that, all the people are to shout at the top of their lungs. The city wall will collapse at once. All the people are to enter, every man straight on in." ⁶ So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and told them, "Take up the Chest of the Covenant. Seven priests are to carry seven ram's horn trumpets leading God's Chest." ⁷ Then he told the people, "Set out! March around the city. Have the armed guard march before the Chest of God." ⁸⁻⁹ And it happened. Joshua spoke, the people moved: Seven priests with their seven ram's horn trumpets set out before God. They blew the trumpets, leading God's Chest of the Covenant. The armed guard marched ahead of the trumpet-blowing priests; the rear guard was marching after the Chest, marching and blowing their trumpets.

Think:

So you sit there just waiting on God and you feel the Holy Spirit start to speak to you. God says right, what I want you to do is this. When you go to school tomorrow I want you to grab a bunch of mates and go out to the sports field. Then I want you to march to one end of the football field and shout glory to God. After that, I want you to march to the other end and shout Jesus is saviour. Do that seven times and I God will make every iPod and MP3 player blast out choruses of Hallelujah. Well I don't know about you but my first thought might be to lay off the cheese before I go to bed and to check that someone wasn't slipping something dodgy into my coke. It seems to me that when ever God picks someone in the Bible to do something great, what they are asked to do sounds a bit loopy. Build an ark where there is no water. Dance naked down the street. Shout at the walls of a city. Worship a baby in a cow shed. Is it possible that God is looking for complete commitment? I mean after all, he could have us do something a little less loopy, but may he wants us to go the whole way. What loopy thing is God asking you to do, that you are just ignoring? Maybe it's not so mad after all. Maybe checking in with a leader that you trust, might be worth doing, because maybe you are going to do something great for God.

Pray:

Lord please give me the wisdom to tell the difference between commands from you and the insane ideas of the world. Amen.

Action:

I suggested that you check in with a leader that you trust. Do you have someone you trust? If not find someone today who you know is in tune with God and can help guide you. Bye for now.