



Courageous Choices: Breaking Down Walls

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Was there a particular point or passage in Pastor Marcus' sermon that challenged you or inspired you?
2. Pastor Marcus began with an update on ServErie. How did he describe "the hole in the doughnut" and what did he mean by "get in where you fit in?"
3. The sermon's big idea was: Find your wall, let God tear it down. Read together **Joshua 6:2-20**, the Bible passage that gives the account of the courageous choices Joshua and the nation of Israel made as they prepared to capture a city surrounded by walls.
4. Describe the steps in God's battle plan for taking the city of Jericho.
5. Describe how the Israelites responded to God's plan.
6. Pastor Marcus said that we each have "walls" in our own lives that act as a barrier to our being able to receive God's promises and plans for us. Can you identify the walls you've allowed people and/or things to build around you, or walls that you have built yourself?
7. What we must do in order for God to tear down our own walls:

Point 1: Let go. Which of the examples of barriers to spiritual progress seem to apply to you?

- (a) a weakness in your character
- (b) a physical infirmity
- (c) an indifference to spiritual things
- (d) materialism or some other life-dominating pattern
- (e) a difficulty at work, at home, with a particular person, with a financial burden.

Two areas that commonly hurt us in the area of letting go:

- (1) Letting go of people. Who presently makes up your "team" and how are they important to your spiritual growth? Read and discuss **Proverbs 13:20**.
- (2) Letting go of activities or habits. Why do we need to take a look at how we spend our time? Read and discuss **Hebrews 12:1** and **James 4:17**.

Point 2: Faith and faithfulness. Read **Proverbs 14:12** and **Isaiah 55:8**, then discuss what kind of battle plan we need for the spiritual battle we are in.

Point 3: Obedience. Read **Luke 6:47-48** and **1 Samuel 14:22**, then discuss what these verses say about trusting God.

8. What are some of the practical supports available through Grace to help us build our faith and our relationship with God? Which of these supports would be helpful to you right now?

Radical Next Step: Do what *you* need to do, then let God tear down your walls!

Prayer: Thank God for keeping his promises to us, like those in **Proverbs 1:33** and **Romans 6:23**.