



# discipleship LIFE NOTES



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**The Wisdom of God**  
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## **Key Scripture/s**

Josh 3  
Crossing Over the Jordan into the Promised Land

Josh 5:9  
Circumcised; the reproach of sin rolled away

Josh 6  
First city taken Jericho

Isa 66: 2  
Humble and contrite in spirit

Due 9:1  
Stiff necked people

Josh 7:20  
Achan's heart exposed, Fear not Faith leads actions toward sin

Matt 22:36-40  
The greatest commandment

## **Key Thought/s**

This wall must come down

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As we consider the Wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world, potentially, a barrier can be in the way to growing in understanding His wisdom, our pride; a wall that must come completely down.

God's word is spiritually discerned requiring Holy Spirit to reveal the word (Christ) to and in us. As we approach God's word I recommend you come to our Father asking Him to reveal Himself to you acknowledging your dependence on Him for all understanding and not relying on your own.

Are we willing to trust in the one who has so richly demonstrated His love for us and that He wants to reveal Himself in us. Knowing that He seeks a humble and contrite Heart. Could pride keep us from entering into more of Him so that we can conquer all the cities in the Promised Land; that is us.

We have something greater than they, the promise of the Holy Spirit living within us, teaching/leading us into all truth. The mystery of God revealed, the Hope of Glory in our hearts. This reality is taken by faith. The children of Israel did not enter into the Promised Land because of a lack of faith and we are encouraged not to be the same, having a lack of faith as we enter into the Kingdom of God. The reality of that faith is found in the Power of God within us seen and observed as a transformed life being changed from Glory to Glory.

## **Questions**

The questions are guides to stimulate thinking and considering whether you could be still facing the walls of Jericho; or, you might be able to walk with others as they face the walls and possible temptations in life.

1. What do I see when I take the time to walk around the city of Jericho (myself) and consider the walls (if any) I have built?
2. What does it mean to me that the reproach of sin HAS been rolled away?
3. When I think about my life do I walk in the understanding that the reproach of sin HAS been rolled away?
4. Have I considered whether I have faith to trust whole heartedly in our Heavenly Father and whether I, like Achan, could be holding something back to protect myself, just in case?
5. Was Achan saved from Egypt? He was with the others doing the same things but was he abiding in the LORD?
6. How does that example apply to me?
7. How does intimately knowing God as Father, LORD, Saviour, Provider, impact on my daily life as I face joys, trials, testing and battles?
8. Can I trust our Heavenly Father when I am in, or it feels like I am in, the wilderness, knowing the wilderness will reveal my heart?

Dear ones, may we all continue to grow in the saving knowledge of the one who loves us beyond measure. Grace and peace to you all.

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