

# Life Group Study

## Charlotte Gambill – What Wall Needs To Fall?

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#### Recap

In this hope-filled message, Pastor Charlotte continues to speak about when lockdown becomes breakthrough, focusing this time on the story of the locked down walls of Jericho before the people of Israel. We might be spending more time inside four physical walls, but in this season we can focus as well in the internal walls in our lives that need to fall. Pastor Charlotte takes us to **Romans 5:1-2** to help us understand we were created to live in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory. And by that truth some walls must fall: walls of shame, walls of doubt, walls of insecurity, and many others. In this season, we can take the time to tear down walls that the enemy built in our lives (sometimes even years ago!), and experience breakthrough in our lockdown.

The walls of Jericho were blocking the people of Israel from the land God promised them, and they had to choose to address those walls. In the same way, we have move past passivity and choose to possess the Peace, the Joy, the overflowing life God has for us. We can get a hold of the fullness of our inheritance from the Father, but we have to take charge. There are steps to take, for those walls to fall. Pastor Charlotte explains this in 5 main points:

#### 1. Perspective changes Posture

We can see in **Joshua 6:1-2** how God had already given Jericho to Joshua even before he set foot in the battle. This led Joshua to change his perspective: He knew he was moving to a victory already, and that changed the posture with which he approached those locked walls. Seeing that God is fighting for us, and that He already has given us the victory changes our posture towards any walls that are raised before us. We can look at the walls of anxiety, of depression, of lack, of fear before us and know that victory is walking beside us into the battle. With faith in our mouth and worship as our weapon we can walk with our perspective changed and our posture aligned.

#### 2. Presence shifts Atmospheres

Joshua's instruction was to have the ark of the Lord to go before everything else, and for it to lead the rest of the army. The ark represented the presence of God, which surrounded those walls as they were marching. In the same way, in this season it is crucial we allow ourselves to be led by the presence of the Lord as it walks arounds our walls and floods our lives with peace and clarity. Joshua knew that when the presence of God led, the atmosphere in them changed. Inside the locked down walls of Jericho there was chaos, confusion and evil. But surrounding those walls was the presence of God. So, in these moments, allow the presence of the Living God to surround you and shift the atmosphere in your life.

#### 3. Laps loosen Locks

Lapping was an important part of the miracle that Joshua and the people of Israel experienced. In this season, we are walking around some things that have intimidated us for too long, fears and wrong confessions that have stayed in our lives for way longer than they should. But we don't need to be frightened of taking a lap, because these laps are loosening those locks. Every time the people of Israel walked around those walls, the less intimidating they were; they realized that while the walls were not moving, they were. While there was nothing shifting in the walls, there was something shifting around them. The more they walked around the walls, the more they saw how they could fall. The more you walk around the thing that is frustrating you, the more you're going to see faith rising inside of you to see it fall.

#### 4. Less leads to More

In that moment, the people of Israel had less than anything they've ever had in any battle moments: there was no complex battle strategy, no extra weapons they needed to get. What they had done with so much more, they were now being told to do with so much less. They were told

not to talk, not even to whisper as they were walking around those walls. There was so much they used to do, so much distraction that became less. And right now, we are living in a time where a lot of things have become less: less noise, less distraction, less in our schedules. We have come to a place where less will lead us to more. A place where less noise will lead us to hear His voice more, and less of other things will lead us to find that He is and always has been enough. Let us embrace the less that is going to take us to the more. We can discover more about whose we are in these times of silence, than we did in the times of noise.

### 5. Let your shout Out

There was a moment for the people of Israel to let out a shout. Our moment of breakthrough will come not just because we circle the walls, not just because we let the atmosphere be changed, but also because we find our shout. There is a shout within you that will shatter the wall before you. A shout of victory - a shout of change - a shout of new beginnings. Moving from silence to sound will attach a heavenly authority to what we say. There is a time to switch from silence to shout, and say the thing God is leading us to say over those walls.

After the walls came down for the people of Israel, there were walls that fell around Rahab as well. The same walls that were preventing the people of God to move onwards were preventing Rahab to move out of lockdown. In this season we can see salvation reach others as our walls are coming down. Our breakthrough can become someone else's breakthrough as well. There are walls that are blocking the blessing God has for us and others around us, that will fall with a shout of faith and victory.



### Scripture

**Romans 5:1-2 (MSG)** <sup>1-2</sup> By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

**Joshua 6:1-10 (MSG)** Jericho was shut up tight as a drum because of the People of Israel: no one going in, no one coming out. <sup>2-5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> 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." <sup>7</sup> Then he told the people, "Set out! March around the city. Have the armed guard march before the Chest of God." <sup>8-9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Joshua had given orders to the people, "Don't shout. In fact, don't even speak—not so much as a whisper until you hear me say, 'Shout!'—then shout away!"



### Questions

1. What have you been doing to surround yourself with God's presence in this season?
2. What walls in your life do you need to stop ignoring, and start addressing?
3. What wall have you already been circling around, and now requires your shout?



### Prayer

Areas that we could pray over include:

1. Thank God for His faithfulness during this season.
2. Pray for God to help you see what walls He wants you to have victory over.
3. Pray for God to give you opportunities this week to help others in their breakthrough.