

VICTROY IS A SHOUT

On this victory Sunday, I am excited to announce to you that the shout of the King is in our midst and He is calling you to join Him in His shout. Lets stand on our feet and celebrate the presence of the Almighty God, the Lord of hosts.

Are you ready to hear the word of God this morning? If you are, please take your Bible and repeat after me “this is my bible, it is the word of God and I am what it says I am”.

This morning I want to talk to you on the subject matter **VICTORY IS A SHOUT**.

- After 40 years of wondering in the desert, the children of Israel were finally ready to possess the promised land – who knows that you have to be ready to walk into the promises of God?
- They found themselves right at edge of the promised land, having conquered the desert, Sihon the king of Heshbon, Og the king of Bashan and the great Jordan river.
- As if those were not enough battles, whilst still in the celebratory mood after crossing the river Jordan, they found themselves facing the mighty city of Jericho.
- On your way to the promised land, you will encounter enumerable battles, they will come one after the other – you have no time to lay back and take the foot off the paddle.
- That is why the bible says, *many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him from all of them – Psalm 34:19.*
- Jericho was a fortified city, whose walls were 3.6 meters high and 1.8 meters wide at the base.
- Between you and your breakthrough, there is a Jericho – think with me for a moment; what is your Jericho that has stopped you from entering your promise?
- Given the strategic nature of the city regarding their quest to possess the land, as well as the strength of the city, one would have thought that God was going to deploy a major battle strategy.
- Instead, the Lord deployed what seemed like a hopeless strategy, called a shout. To shout is to utter a sudden and loud outcry, usually in joy, triumph or exultation

Joshua 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. 5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet,

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all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

- God uses your tongue to bring a turnaround in your life.
- The children of Israel were commanded to fight using their mouths and tongues.
- This morning, I want to bring to your attention that your mouth is a powerful instrument for your battles.
- That is why even the devil uses the tongue to push through with his agenda – the question this morning is who has the most access to your shout?
- What you do with your tongue influences what your life will do.
- Out of a shout, came a weapon of mass destruction that brought down the walls down.
- If you and I would apply the shouting strategy, our Jerichos will fall down – you will be able to possess your land.

Proverbs 18:20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's belly is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

- What is so important about your shout? the Bible teaches us that your shout is the source of your victory.

Psalm 145: 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. 5 I will meditate on the glorious splendour of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. 6 Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness.

- In this verse, the word praise is the Hebrew word shabach, which means to address in a loud tone, to triumph, to shout, to still, to command, to glory.
- There are different ways of praising God and one of them is that of shouting - in Psalm 145:4, David says *One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts*
- In Hebrew, what he meant was that one generation will shout about your nature, about what you have done and accomplished.
- This is a shouting praise- you don't sing it, you shout it. A shout instructs your victory to manifest.
- When you shout your praise, your silence your enemy – this praise is comes through as a war cry and a cry of victory.

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- This is the word used when the Israelites shouted and the walls of Jericho came down.
- They were not produce a confused outcry but it was an outcry that spoke of the wondrous works of God.
- The shout that brings victory elevates the nature and the ability of God into the situation.
- They went around their enemy for forty nine times and as they did that, they were bringing to memory all that God done for them and allowing their faith to rise.
- As they went around the walls, they came to realise that the enemy was too strong for them and their only chance was to trust in the strength of their God.
- Your shout is a reflection of faith in something or someone outside of you.
- I am sure they were speaking of:
 - How God killed the first borns of the Egyptians,
 - how he drowned the Egyptians army,
 - how He produced water out of the rock,
 - how He gave them manna, how He gave them meat in the desert, how He spoke to them at Mt Horeb.

- Miriam and the children of Israel understood how to shabach

Exodus 15:1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! 2 The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. 3 The Lord is a man of war; The Lord is His name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

- This turns a praise shout into a weapon of spiritual warfare.
- When we face walls in our lives, we need to give a shout of victory in order to see the victory.
- You shout before your victory manifests – we speak of the finished works of calvary into our situation.
- In Joshua 6, they shouted before the walls fell. If they had not shouted, the walls would have remained.
- We shout the victory we already have in Christ, no matter how the circumstances appear, in order to see it manifest in our lives.

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- Many people have been silenced by the devil and in the process, they have been robbed of their greatest spiritual warfare.

Isaiah 62: 6On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; 7And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

- As we shout a praise to God, walls will fall- walls of sickness and depression, walls of poverty and walls of oppression.
- Learn to shout out of your life doubt and fear in the name of Jesus.
- You shout unto God, whilst shouting at the devil.