



IT'S TIME TO ADVANCE



¹ Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

² Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



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⁴ Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



⁶ So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant of the Lord and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it.”

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



⁷ And he ordered the army, “Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the Lord.”

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



⁸ When Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets before the Lord went forward, blowing their trumpets, and the ark of the Lord's covenant followed them.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

⁹ The armed guard marched ahead of the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard followed the ark. All this time the trumpets were sounding.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

¹⁰ But Joshua had commanded the army, “Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!”

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

¹¹ So he had the ark of the Lord carried around the city, circling it once. Then the army returned to camp and spent the night there.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



¹² Joshua got up early the next morning and the priests took up the ark of the Lord.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



¹³ The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets went forward, marching before the ark of the Lord and blowing the trumpets. The armed men went ahead of them and the rear guard followed the ark of the Lord, while the trumpets kept sounding.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ So on the second day they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



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¹⁵ On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times.

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



¹⁶ The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!”

Joshua 6:1-16 (NIV)



20 When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

Joshua 6:20 (NIV)





ADVANCE

to go or move forward in a purposeful way, to develop or improve something



With faith in God's Word





Advance with IDENTITY





Advance with INTIMACY





Advance with AUTHORITY



¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV)



14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

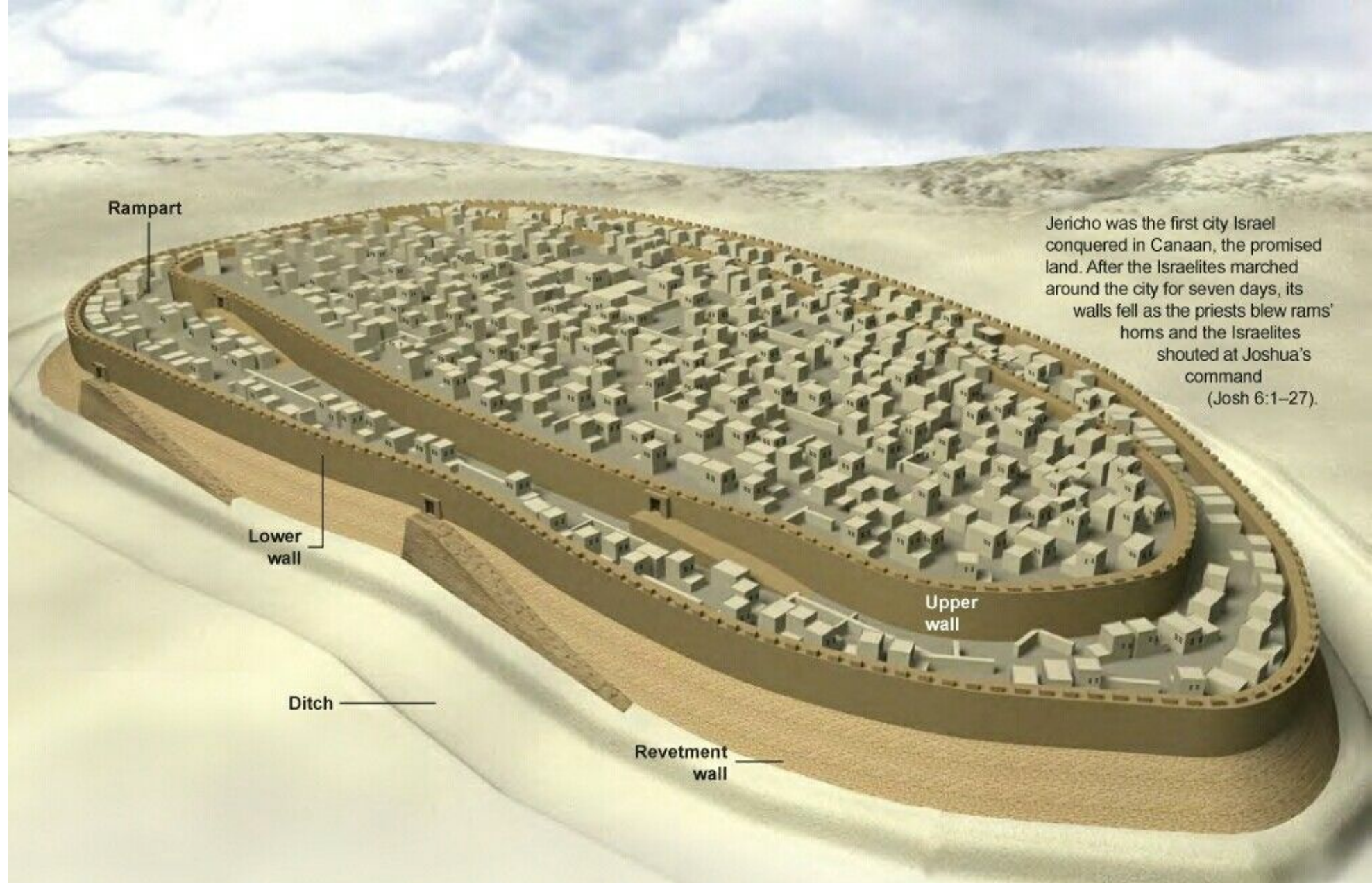
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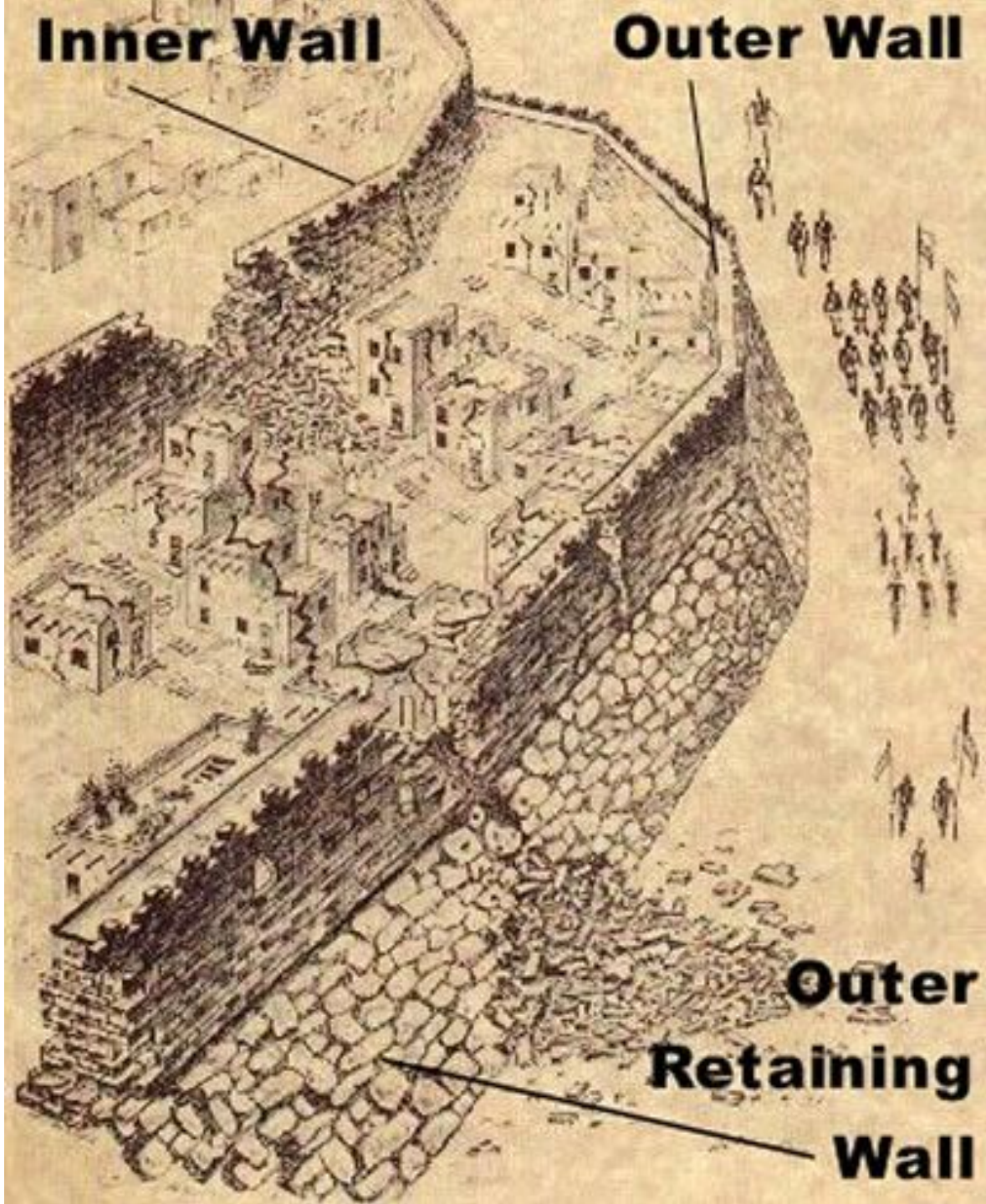
Joshua 6:1 (NIV)





Jericho was the first city Israel conquered in Canaan, the promised land. After the Israelites marched around the city for seven days, its walls fell as the priests blew rams' horns and the Israelites shouted at Joshua's command (Josh 6:1-27).

Ancient Jericho



Inner Wall

Outer Wall

**Outer
Retaining
Wall**

And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.

Joshua 6:2 (NIV)

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What do you see?





Obedience = Intimacy



In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And His commands are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 (NIV)



**What is coming against us
as we advance?**





FEAR

often makes you disconnect,
even isolate yourself

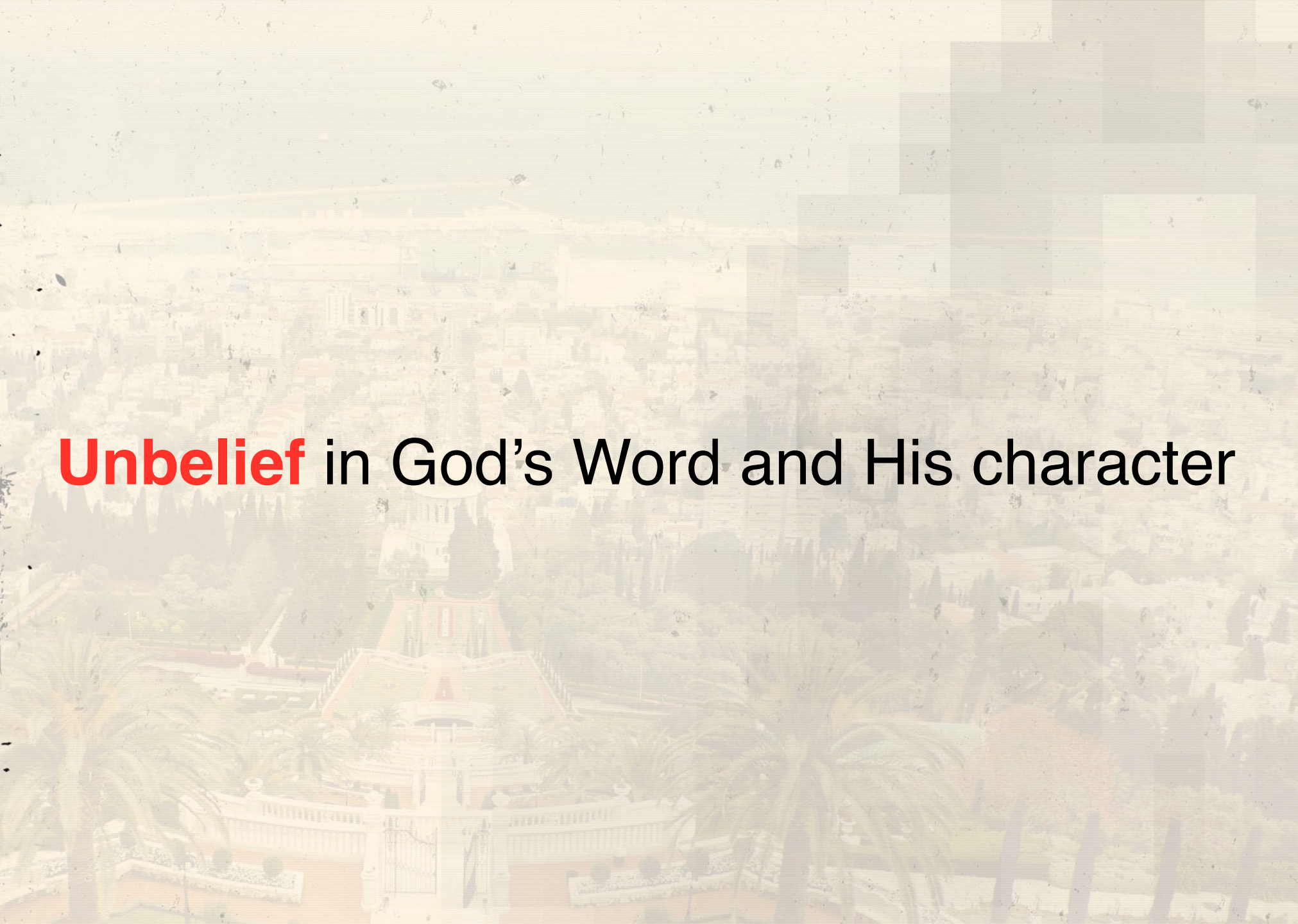
“Fear is a fantastic storyteller and an even better moviemaker...I bet you’d never trust a person who lied to you as much as fear lies to you about your fate.”

- Kris Vallotton





Unbelief in God's Word and His character



For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...

Ephesians 2:14 (NIV)



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³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NIV)

5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NIV)

⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NIV)

FAITH

UNBELIEF

believes in the **promises of God**

believes the power of Satan

will **give comfort** in the midst of fears

bring fears in the midst of comfort

makes great burdens **light**

makes light burdens unbearably heavy

FAITH

lifts us up when we are down

brings peace and **comfort**

brings **assurance**

UNBELIEF

believes the power of
Satan

brings restlessness

brings fear

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)



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¹⁰ Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

¹¹ Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser!

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

¹² Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

¹³ Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious..

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

14 Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart. 15 Stand on your feet alert, then you'll always be ready to share the blessings of peace.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

16 In every battle, take faith as your wrap-around shield, for it is able to extinguish the blazing arrows coming at you from the Evil One!

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

17-18 Embrace the power of salvation's full deliverance, like a helmet to protect your thoughts from lies. And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword of the spoken Word of God.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

¹⁹ And pray also that God's revelation would be released through me every time I preach the wonderful mystery of the hope-filled gospel.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

²⁰ Yes, pray that I may preach the wonderful news of God's kingdom with bold freedom at every opportunity. Even though I am chained as a prisoner, I am his ambassador.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (TPT)

Pray/Praise. Prepare. Proclaim



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What's in your wall?





What do you choose to see?





**What needs to come into
alignment with God's Word in
your confession?**