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¹⁵ *The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so."* - Joshua 5:13-15

- *God is not against people. He's for people. He's for His purpose happening in their lives.*
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Ask for the Commander's Instructions — (Joshua 5:14-6:6)

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² *Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³ March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 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. 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."*

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 6:1-6

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*"But to you who are listening I say: **Love your enemies**, do good to those who hate you."* - Luke 6:27

*"Love always protects, always trusts, always **hopes**, always **perseveres**."* - 1 Corinthians 13:7

*"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart**."* - 1 Samuel 16:7

1. God is more concerned about your heart than He is about your physical circumstances.
2. God is more concerned about your eternity than He is about your now.

Act Based on His Strategy — (Joshua 6:7)

"And he ordered the army, 'Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD.'" - Joshua 6:7

1. **Trust** — My faith and trust are in His way rather than my way.
2. **Obey** — I'm committed, in advance, to doing things His way.

Accept God's Victory — (Joshua 6:7-25)

"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

Application Project:

1. Take a walk around your neighbourhood this week, and pray for the people living in each home. Believe God that at least one of every ten unchurched neighbours will be significantly touched by the ministry of our church.
2. Take a walk around your workplace, praying for the people in each office, believing that God will draw the unchurched unto Himself, as you let your light shine at work!
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