



Daily Devotion



"See, I have given Jericho into your hand." Joshua 6:2

If you have ever seen a dog encircle a bush or tree a few times, and then mark his turf as dogs do, you have a glimpse as to why God's people walked around the city of Jericho. They were claiming it. God had given it to them by way of promise. The people didn't topple the walls of the city by encircling them; God flattened the walls for them because He is the one who had given them the city.

This is how we are given *the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God* (Hebrews 11:10). We are not able to storm the walls of heaven. God gives it to us in Jesus. This is why we go in circles now. Week after week we walk from the pew, past the baptismal font, to the table of the Lord's body and blood, and back again. We do this continuously just as God's people kept walking around Jericho. The people of the city may have ridiculed them. How foolish they looked as they kept encircling the city walls. And how foolish we look to the unbelievers as we keep walking from pew, to font, to table, to pew again. But we are claiming that lasting city above. God has given it to us. This is why we walk in circles the way we do. It's how God gave Jericho to His people years ago. It's how He gives heaven to us today. Come join us. Walk in this circle with us. It's what God's people do because we believe His promise.

As You, Lord, gave Jericho to Your people then, so You have given heaven to Your people in Christ. Let me, therefore, keep walking in the circle You have laid out for me to lay claim to what You have promised to me. Amen.