Claiming God's Victories

Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. (Ex. 19:5-6)

- I. **God**: Sovereign and present
- "...but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." (Josh. 5:14)
- II. **Joshua**: Surrenders to God's authority "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" (Josh. 5:14)
- III. **Army**: Responds to strong godly leadership "Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we fully obeyed Moses, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. Only be strong and courageous. (Josh. 1:16,17,18c)
- IV. **Jericho**: Hearts melted in fear. Trusting in the wall. "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. (Exodus 23:27)
- V. **Rahab**: Heart melted in fear; surrenders to God's authority.

"I know the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Jos. 2:9b,11b)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1Peter 2:9-10)

Victory comes by surrendering completely to the will of God.

Discussion questions:

- 1. Who or what is God calling you to surrender to Him?
- 2. Who is God calling you to disciple in His word?
- 3. Who is your mentor in the faith? If you don't have one, ask a mature believer to pray, encourage, even study with you.