***Nuggets From The Word***

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**“Living in the Power and Promise of God’s Word”**

**Silencing Unbelief:** **Joshua 6:10,** Many texts in God’s Word instruct us to “*wait on God*,” to stand still, to be silent before Him (***Moses***, Exodus. 14:13, 14; ***Jehoshaphat***, 2 Chronicles. 20:15–17; ***David***, Psalm. 37:7, 8). In this text, **Joshua** commands the children of Israel to maintain total silence as they walk around the city of Jericho. The ***memory that*** Israel’s 40-year punishment in the wilderness was a result of the people’s murmuring in **unbelief** was doubtless in Joshua’s mind. At that time, ten spies had returned with a negative report motivated ***by what man sees without*** ***Holy Spirit-given vision***. Their **unbelief** that they could take the land had sealed their fate in the wilderness.

Joshua’s directive to keep silent is a precaution that teaches we as modern believers to consider our thoughts and words when caught up in God’s Kingdom work. When facing great challenges, do not permit your lips to speak unbelieving words. We must prohibit demoralizing speech from our lips. **Words** can bind up or set free. Thus, Joshua issued his order to be silent! They would later *see* the *salvation of the Lord* pursuant upon their *shout* of triumph (Josh. 6:20).

We cannot help what we see and hear, but *our refusal to speak* doubt and fear will keep our hearts more inclined to what *God* can do, rather than to what we cannot do (Prov. 30:32, **“***If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth. 33 For as the churning of milk produces butter, and wringing the nose produces blood, so the forcing of wrath produces strife***.”**

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