

A script from



“Jericho”

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What God’s marching orders don’t always make sense to us. On day four of the march around the city of Jericho, did the soldiers begin to question God’s unique and perhaps ‘seemingly bizarre’ plan? When we don’t understand God’s ways, we need to obey and persevere, trusting that we serve a God who always finishes what He starts. **Themes:** Joshua, Perseverance, Volunteers, Service, Ministry

Who

Ben	Maggie
Dan	Jim
Nate	Beth
Lt. Dave	Tim
Ron	

When Bible Times (soldiers) / All other scenes are Present Day

**Wear
(Props)**

- 2 Tables
- 4 Chairs
- 2 Benches
- Shoes (Boots)
- Cellphone
- Laptop

Why Joshua 6, Galatians 6:9, Philippians 1:6

How The four different scenes should happen in distinctly separate spaces on the stage. If you do not have access to a lighting system, the actors can simple freeze when they are not performing.

Time Approximately 7 minutes

The stage is divided into four parts.

Downstage Right there are two benches angled towards each other as if encircling a camp fire.

Upstage Right there is a table with two chairs

Upstage Left is bare.

Downstage Left there is a table with two chairs and a laptop on the table.

Scene 1

Lights up Downstage Right.

Dan sits as if warming himself by an unseen fire. He has his boots off and is rubbing his feet.

Ben enters.

Ben: Your feet stink.

Dan: *(sarcastically)* Good to see you too.

Ben: Put your boots back on.

Nate enters.

Nate: *(to Ben)* What happened to you?

Dan: These blisters are killing me.

Nate: Hate to break it to you kid, but this is the easy part.

Ben: Wait till we start fighting.

Nate: We *are* fighting.

Dan: No, we're not.

Nate: Ok. We're marching.

Dan: We're not marching. We're walking in circles.

Lights down.

Scene 2

Lights up Upstage Right.

Ron is sitting at the table. Maggie enters.

Ron: You're back late.

Maggie: The meeting ran over.

Ron: How much do you have to talk about? It's just the church nursery.

Maggie turns to him, clearly upset.

Maggie: You know what—

She pauses and continues.

Maggie: Never mind.

Ron: What?

Maggie: It's not *just* the nursery.

Ron: I thought you had a meeting tonight with all the church nursery volunteers?

Maggie: I did. What I'm trying to say is...this is an important ministry.

Ron: I know.

Maggie: Do you? Ron, it's not *just* the nursery. We're shaping the lives of the next generation. We're living out the great commission one 3-year-old at a time. What greater call do we have on our lives than to raise up the next generation and prepare them to carry on our faith?

Ron: I know that. I'm proud of what you do.

Pause.

Ron: Maggie, what is this really about?

Maggie: We're short on help again this month. We have an overcrowded nursery with not enough volunteers.

She sits.

Maggie: I'm tired. I'm tired of begging people to help. I'm tired of filling in every Sunday that I'm supposed to have a break because someone calls to let me know they overslept. I'm tired of the complaints because the snacks aren't good enough or the craft wasn't more challenging. I'm just...I'm just tired. Maybe this isn't what God has for me anymore.

Lights down.

Scene 3

Lights up Upstage Left.

Jim enters on his cell phone.

Jim: Hey, honey. I just wanted to let you know that I'm on my way home.

Pause.

Jim: Umm yeah, a little earlier than I expected. The guys didn't show. Again. I don't know. I'm trying to reach these kids, but-

Pause. He lets out a discouraged laugh.

Jim: I guess I'm just not that effective of a youth leader. I can't get kids to meet for a short Bible study even when I bribe them with free ice cream. I know this is what I thought God called me to do, but maybe- maybe I was wrong. At this point, shouldn't I be seeing more progress? I don't know. I'm just tired, I guess. I'm just tired.

Pause.

Anyways, I'll be home soon.

Lights down.

Scene 4

Lights up Downstage Left.

Tim sits with his laptop at a table. Beth enters.

Beth: Still working on the sermon?

Tim: Answering some emails.

Beth: About what?

Tim: The nursery needs more volunteers, the youth ministry needs some advice, Mrs. Whitman didn't like the upbeat worship songs—

Pause.

Beth: What's wrong? Mrs. Whitman always complains—

Tim: *(interrupting her)* Beth, I'm not good at this. Maybe it really is time to go back home.

Beth: Tim, we prayed about this.

Tim: I know. I know.

Beth: Remember how God came thru with that scholarship to seminary? Remember how we never thought we'd find a house in our price range, and then this house fell in our lap. God wants us here.

Tim: Does he? I can't reach this community, Beth. I'm not—I'm not seeing any change. Do you know how many conversions we've had over the past year? Or better yet, over the past five years?

Beth: It's not about numbers.

Tim puts his head in his hands.

Tim: At one point shouldn't we see something happen? We've been here five years, Beth. Five years! Nothing's changed.

Beth: You don't know—

Tim: I do know. We've accomplished nothing.

Pause.

Tim: I'm just not sure this is what I'm supposed to be doing anymore. I really thought God called me into the ministry, you know. But—but this is harder than we thought it was going to be, Beth, way harder than we thought.

Beth sits.

Beth: I know.

Pause.

Beth: You're just tired.

Tim: I've been tired before. This isn't tired; this is exhausted.

Beth reaches for Tim's hand.

Light down.

Scene 5

Lights up Downstage Right.

Dan: What does Joshua think we're going to do? Scare the people of Jericho?

Nate: If that's the plan, it's not working.

Ben: You're telling me. They're laughing at us.

Dan: They're doing more than that. They're mocking us and rightfully so. We look like idiots.

Nate: *(to Ben, referring to Dan)* Some of us more than others.

Dan: *(not amused)* Ha. Ha. I'm not the only one with blisters on my feet from strolling around a city we're supposed to be fighting.

Nate: God's got a plan.

Dan: What is it? A stampede? That would make more sense than walking in circles all day. We're literally walking in circles all day. And Joshua wants us to do this for three more days. *Three* more days!

Ben: That's what God asked us to do.

Dan: Are we sure about that?

Nate: God gave the orders to Joshua, and Joshua gave them to us.

Dan: I just think someone should double check that he knows what he's doing.

Ben: God or Joshua?

Dan: *(defeated)* I don't know.

Nate: God knows what He's doing. Only three more days.

Dan: Till what? Till we walk around the wall seven times? Then what?

Nate shrugs.

Ben: I don't know.

Lt. Dave enters quietly behind the men.

Dan: None of us know. What if nothing happens? What if we blow the trumpets and all we hear is more laughing?

Ben: Something's going to happen.

Dan: Like what?

Lt. Dave: Soldiers.

Ben, Dan, & Nate all stand to attention.

Lt. Dave: God gave Joshua our marching orders. We're following them. That's what soldiers do.

Ben, Dan & Nate: Yes, sir.

Lt. Dave: Get some sleep, gentlemen.

Ben, Dan & Nate: Yes, sir.

Ben and Nate exit.

Dan quickly sits to put on his boots. Lt. Dave sits beside him.

Lt. Dave: Exhausted, huh?

Dan: I'm tired.

Lt. Dave: And your feet hurt.

Dan: Yeah.

Lt. Dave: And you're not sure this is going to work.

Dan: I guess I just don't understand what all the walking is about.

Lt. Dave: We're following our orders.

Dan: Yes, sir.

Lt. Dave: Get some rest.

Dan starts to exit.

Lt. Dave: Dan.

Dan turns to face Lt. Dave.

Lt. Dave: You're discouraged because it's only day four. But if we keep marching, if we keep being faithful, if we keep being obedient—

Lt. Dave stands.

The end. PURCHASE

On day seven, God's going to show up.

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