

TRAINING CAMP

Training Camp - Week 2

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Training Camp'. The focus of Training Camp is to prepare football teams for the upcoming season. Discipleship is just progress. During this series we are going to use the theme of Training Camp to make progress and help prepare us for challenges ahead.

For Part 2 we are looking at what it takes to 'Finish Strong'. You may be closer to what God has promised than you think, maybe all you need is a little push to keep going and to finish strong.

Questions:

Read Joshua 6:1-16

1. As you look to finish strong in your faith, the first thing that can cause you to quit early is: Your perspective gets blocked. What if there is a problem standing between you and God's promise? Could it be that those walls are a sign that the enemy is scared of what God wants to do in your life? Joshua 6:1-2
2. What do you do when what you see doesn't match up with what God has promised? What can help to lift your perspective so that you can see past those walls even when what God has promised seems impossible? Are you willing to do the ridiculous to be victorious?
3. The second thing that can prevent you from finishing strong is: Your progress isn't always obvious. What does it look like to walk by faith and not by sight? Isn't this what faith really is, you step out and trust Him even when it doesn't make sense? Can you keep walking believing He is working? Joshua 6:3-5
4. Does the Christian life feel sometimes like you don't see any results from your walk? If God wants you to

keep walking don't you need to know your walk is working? What if it's more about what God is doing in you as you keep walking?

5. What does it mean that 'Outcome is God's responsibility, Obedience is your responsibility'? What if God is working behind those walls and you just can't see it? Can you still be obedient and trust God with the outcome?
6. The third things that keeps you from finishing strong is: The process is open ended. Are you willing to keep going without knowing when it's going to end? Is it frustrating to know what God wants you to do, but you have no idea how long you might have to wait? Joshua 6:11&14
7. Are you ready to persevere and keep walking? Do you know that it is in the process of circling your problems that God prepares you for the promise? That He has to prepare you for what He has prepared for you? Hebrews 10:35

Key Takeaway: *Don't give up, keep walking and Finish Strong, because maybe just maybe, your promise from God is right around the next turn. Then when you receive the promise you'll know it's a God thing.*

Summary:

- The first thing that keeps you from finishing strong: Your perspective gets blocked; your problems can block your perspective
- What do you do when what you see doesn't match up with what God said?
- The second thing that keeps you from finishing strong: Your progress isn't always obvious; you have to walk by faith not by sight
- Will you do God's will even when it doesn't seem like it's working? Will you still believe when the problem gets worse?
- Outcome is God's responsibility. Obedience is your responsibility
- The third thing that keeps you from finishing strong is: The process is open ended; you don't know when it will be finished
- It is in the circling of your problems that God prepares you for the promise; He has to prepare you for what He has prepared for you