

Thought for the Day – Monday 22 June 2020

I'm just going to show off for a minute – 'when I was running this week' I listened to a HTB podcast (Holy Trinity, Brompton). I can't remember the name of the lady who was speaking but she was talking about the story of Joshua . As I usually have to concentrate on my breathing I wasn't listening too intently, but nevertheless the message got home (and so did I!)

We read that Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom. The Lord was kind to him and spoke about how He would provide for Joshua and that Joshua was not to be afraid – for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua seemed to be aware of his own weakness but took what God had spoken to him to heart. He led the army – He only did what God told him. He refused to waver from what he was asked to do (read Joshua to get the full picture). We are told that he had to circle the city 6 times . Imagine having to convey this to his army – but Joshua and the army did as they were told and on the seventh time he asked the men to blow the trumpet – and the walls came tumbling down.

I think there is a message here for us today! We are living in unprecedented days – I know that phrase is a little over-used. Who could have foreseen that we would be in lock-down, that our churches would be closed – that there would be a sort of plague all over the world. Yet, we know, that God is in control in these days. He has been very gracious to us – we are having some good times on Sunday mornings, community and taking care of each other has been re-emphasised. There is so much excellent stuff on-line that we can feed on from the Lord.

The unity we once had as a nation only 13 weeks ago seems to be disappearing very quickly. There is a lot of sniping going on – 'if only the government had done this or that things would be different'. We are living in these days knowing the grace of God – let us continue to go on with him – like the 7th time round the city. Let our trust in Him have its perfect work, let's not complain about this or that. Let's bring joy to others as we trust God every day – and maybe we will start to see some walls come down.

Sarah Birchall