

Chapter One

Warrior March!

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

JOSHUA 1:5-6

Freedom Marcher, there is a Godly plan for your marriage and for the salvation of your spouse.

I call it the Warrior March. As believers married to an unsaved spouse, we converge onto this path arriving from vastly different avenues. We are united in our common beliefs as well as similar struggles. The love of God unifies when we are resolute in our petitions for the redemption of our spouse. Desperate for God's love and help, we arrive at a point of no return, which propels our steps forward onto this march around Jericho. We are steadfast in our loyalty and determined to witness Jesus touch a heart closed off to God.

My friend, this pathway of faith is larger than a mere unbelieving spouse's salvation. It's our entry into the heavenly realms where we encounter Christ's glory and experience his miracles! Yet, the road is booby-trapped with lies, infested with the dogs of hell, and crawling with every manner of demonic entrapment. Our journey will not be an easy one. Satan rises to defeat us at every turn. But never fear, God will not abandon his children, not for one second. Indeed, he provides enforcers to help defend and protect us along the way.

Readiness prayer for the journey ahead.

Father, in the name of Jesus, I step boldly into this Warrior March. I am determined to lean fully upon your truth and the leading of Jesus as I seek the salvation of my spouse. Today, raise a ring of holy fire of protection around me. Forbid the enemy from interfering in my marriage. Protect me from distortion, fear, weariness, and all assignments intended to deter my final march of victory.

Father, bless my family, home, and marriage. Release from heaven your great favor over the seasons ahead as I learn to march in step with you. Also, I ask for acceleration in my faith-life and childlike belief. Reveal your truths and release me and my family from the lies and deceptions of the demonic.

Bless me with courage, favor, provision, laughter, and teach me how to participate in the miraculous and the divine. Assign mighty battle angels to my life and family. Lord, bring about the full salvation of my family and create a legacy of powerful faith that continues for a thousand generations. In Jesus' s name, AMEN.

Truth March

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

JOHN 8:32

Our journey around Jericho is also a truth march. We will battle for territory through awareness of biblical truth versus deceptions of the devil.

The majority of my march consisted of displacing deceptive mindsets and lies. I'm convinced seventy-five percent of spiritual warfare is stepping into awareness and out of deception. The remaining twenty-five percent, well, that is faith and prayer.

Together, we'll battle through false belief systems, religious mindsets, doubt, apathy, fear, and displace false identity. Expect the cheers of heaven each time we step out of a lie and become fully aware of God's truth, his whole truth.

Now as we prepare to march, my fellow comrades, allow me to equip you with a brand-new warrior tool belt. It's called the Belt of TRUTH (Ephesians 6:14). We'll add various supernatural tools to the belt throughout our march. Depend upon it. Strengthen and build your marriage and your faith with the tools you gain.

Truth number one: God loves you. He adores you. Did you know, you are his favorite? God is proud of you. He longs to spend every moment of every day with you. He is desperate for you to experience his goodness in daily life while in continual communication and awareness of his presence.

Truth number two: You are forgiven. The circumstances which brought about your marriage to an unbeliever are irrelevant to God. If you have asked the Lord's forgiveness, he forgave you. IT IS FINISHED! (John 19:30) You are fully forgiven and living under the covering of Christ Jesus. You are entitled to God's love and favor upon your life and specifically your mismatched marriage. God doesn't hold grudges and he will never condemn or make you feel guilty because of your past mistakes, upon seeking his forgiveness. So, if you are struggling in this area of your faith or if you have received condemnation about your marriage to an unbeliever from others, or even from a pastor, this is your freedom day. Hallelujah!

Forgive them. Forgive yourself. Release all words of disapproval to the Lord. Pray and ask the Lord to remove all shame and guilt because condemnation is a ruse of the deceiver. Your inheritance as a child of God is a thriving faith-life and a thriving marriage.

Truth number three: Our inheritance is now. God hasn't reserved our inheritance for the day we step into heaven. Freedom from fear is now. Kingdom living is now. God is releasing gifts, talents, abilities, presents, awards, and favor, along with adventures and the fulfillment of dreams, to those who hunger and thirst for more of his kingdom. The Jericho March is significantly larger than the salvation of one person. This march is our calling to search out and learn to walk in everything God desires for our life. He is incredibly anxious for us to uncover his kingdom benefits and to become the powerful children of God he knows we are. NOW!

Truth number four: God has decreed a divine purpose and destiny for your life and marriage. Each and every one of your kingdom missions, assignments, purposes, and your current season of life, were recorded in your book before time began (Psalm 139:16). They are God-given dreams, hopes, possibilities, and even mandates awaiting fulfillment. You are not disqualified because of your marital status, your gender, your age, or your socio-economic limitations, etc.

Hear me clearly: God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. We are the called. You and I are designated to be the love and voice of Jesus to a man or woman with whom we share life. We are created for a high and holy purpose. We are more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37). We have the power of life in our tongues and this truth terrifies the demonic realm.

Gifts and Surprises Are Given To Those Who March

You may feel as though this march is likely to be an arduous, uphill journey in scorching heat and a 24/7 siege. Ahem, sometimes it is.

But, hear me out!

Many gifts of the Holy Spirit arrive along the way. Supernatural rest awaits when we feel weary. Relief is available when we yoke our heart and our marriage to Jesus.

I clearly recall the day God asked me these questions.

Lynn, are you willing? Are you willing to follow me, no matter the cost? Are you willing to pour yourself out as a drink offering, like my son, Jesus? (Philippians 2:17) My child, are you willing to pray for one man your entire life, even if you reach 85 years of age? Are you willing to forgo preaching to large crowds, forgo missions to the jungles of Africa, or serve the homeless because I asked you to stand for one soul? Do you love me enough to stand for your marriage and pray for the salvation of one person without any public acknowledgement or any human accolades? Are you willing to pray and serve because I love this one person with all of my heart? Isn't this what you sing about in your churches? Is this not the cry of your heart? Do you not say to me, "Lord, I will go anywhere, I will do anything for you"?

So, I ask you, my child, are you willing to love and give yourself to me for this one life?

Tears flowed as I fell to my knees and whispered a trembling, "Yes, Lord. Finally, I am willing."

It was then I began to experience realms of the divine and so will you!

Let's pray and allow the Lord to affirm your decision and bless your life and marriage.

Father, I am willing to go where you need me. I am determined to serve in this vital mission for my spouse's heart. I lean into you fully. Surround me with your love, wisdom, and strength. Walk with me around my Jericho. Teach me to love unconditionally. Empower me to discern your voice. Equip me with your battle strategies that I might war effectively for my spouse, home, family, and myself.

Bless our family. Bless our home. Seal our marriage covenant in the heavenly realms. Defeat every attempt of the enemy to delay my march. And bless me with wonder, health, vision, and strength as I seek encounters with your love, grace, and mercy. In the powerful name of Jesus, AMEN.



Chapter Two

Wilderness, Walls, and Lessons

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

As I write, I'm nearing the end of my seven-year march that began on October 12, 2012. In the past several months God has positioned into place a rapid succession of events in response to the many years of prayer and petition. His promises are unfolding in double time. His faithfulness is at hand.

I have waited nearly three decades to behold the hand of God as he touches the faith-life of my husband. If I could, I would point you toward a shortcut across the wilderness. There isn't one. Our lifelong journey toward heaven is centered on acquiring the skills needed to take the land God has promised for his modern-day children. However, we will discover beauty in the wilderness. God is in it. He leads by a pillar in the day and fire at night through the Holy Spirit. We need only learn to perceive God's presence in the details, listen to his voice, and invite him to be our guide and protector.

Seven Times Around

*Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to **march around the town seven times**, with the priests blowing the horns.*

JOSHUA 6:1-4 (NLT)

Each year I marched around my husband, a powerful truth emerged which profoundly changed my faith-life. Surprisingly, the majority of my march rarely involved my unbelieving spouse. In fact, I found myself alone, an eager student, participating in a divine classroom with my tutor, Jesus. With every rotation around the walls, I gained a powerful kingdom lesson crucial to the final stand in the battle for my husband's eternity. My husband was blissfully unaware of his small part in this great march. Well, almost unaware. I'll share more about that later.

Year upon year the Lord gradually transformed me. But through the slow progression, significant and noticeable changes also occurred within my husband and our marriage. Every circumference built upon the prior. The annual lessons brought me step-by-step to the day when the Lord spoke, and the walls began to crumble before my eyes.

- Year one: Intimacy
- Year two: Identity
- Year three: Authority
- Year four: Power
- Year five: Practice, practice, practice
- Year six: Character, maturity, and the Courts of Heaven
- Year seven: The Glory Year and Tumbling Walls

Each section of this book expands upon these principles, allowing us to first practice, add them to our spiritual tool belt, and finally to master. The overall purpose of our march around our unsaved spouse is designed to reveal our Kingdom identity and purpose. Knowing our identity in Christ is key to our victorious finale. Understanding my God-given identity prepared me for the battle of a lifetime, the salvation of one man's soul.

Your march will likely be different in a number of respects when compared to mine. You may march a longer road or merely a number of months depending on your individual faith journey and where your spouse is in his or her response to Jesus

In the early years, I was convinced our marriage trouble squarely rested upon my husband. Our conflicts over lifestyle choices, parenting, and entertainment, just to name a few, were "his fault" because he wasn't a Christian. I was convinced he was overly stubborn about anything faith related. I would entertain thoughts such as, *If you would only turn to Jesus, my life would be a thousand percent better.*

But that's not the way of the Father. God is far more concerned about my faith and character development than my comfort. His highest and best for my life was to learn to live as his child. God wanted my eyes focused only upon him and willingly submit my spouse's salvation to his timing and purpose.

Warriors Creed

Marching Warrior, our time is now. Press into the lessons ahead. They will be the foundation we build upon to increase our faith, impact our children, change atmospheres, and reveal Jesus to our unbelieving spouse. When you need a word of encouragement, go back and revisit the chapters, repeat the prayers, and read the scriptures. Take advantage of the additional resources available at marchingaroundjericho.com.

Pray without ceasing!

Behold, today it's my humble honor to commission you: Kingdom Warrior! I bless you with a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit and affix all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities originating with this great honor. In Jesus's name, amen.

Let's march!

