**A city at night

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**Joshua 7 “The Church in the hands of an angry God:   
 The curse of sin & the door of hope  
Series: Courageous living in a secular world (7)**

INTRODUCTION  
There is one small step between great victory and crushing defeat.

How was it possible that one moment Joshua was enjoying incredible victory at Jericho and the next crushing defeat at Ai?

**THE CAUSES OF DEFEAT**

**1. THE D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v2-4)**

**2. THE D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v2-4)**

“If you p……………. in times of victory, you will not have to p……………………..  
 in times of defeat.”

**3. THE D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v11)**

* A sobering story:
* ONE individual had sinned, but God’s verdict was ‘My ……………………  
  have sinned.”
* Let us never think we can be lost in the crowd, and be ……………………
* The witness of the church depends on the ………………of every ……………

**4. THE D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v12; ch. 7)**

The Israelites experienced defeat because of the ……………………of God.

**WHAT LED TO ACHAN’S SIN?**

* Achan was ………………… with the way God had ordered his affairs.
* Achan ………….……….. what was not his. (materialism & fashion!!)

**THE CONCERNS – what God wants you to know!**

God gave specific instructions to Joshua in response to the sin.

* The Israelites had to CONSECRTATE themselves (v13)– they had to …………………………………………………………………………………………….
* Procedure in discovering the sinner (v14). The purpose was to:  
  -- have a chance to think long & hard about the seriousness of  
   ………………………………………………………………………………………..  
  -- have a chance to receive God’s …………… & ………………………..

**Where there is judgement, there is always a door of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Hosea 2: 6, 9, 14-15 God would frustrate & deprive Gomer. But then ….

**APPLICATION – THE CURE**

1. **Are you living in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**  
   If you are knowingly living in sin, God will …………………….. you!
2. **Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s grace?**

Hebrews 11:5-6

1. **The more light you have, the more you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Dramatically illustrated in the life of Achan:
2. **God looks for TRUE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**FIVE WORDS in understanding repentance:  
   \* **CONVICTION** of sin = ………………. with Scripture about   
    your sin. (Psalm 51:3-4)  
   \* **BROKENESS** over sin = ………………………. the sin. (2 Cor 7:9-10)  
   \* **ACCEPTANCE** of sin = taking …………………. For your sin and not  
    blaming others for your sin. ( 2 Sam 24:10)  
   \* **RENUNCIATION**: ……………… ……………………. (Ezek. 14:6)  
   \* **CONTINUATION:** ……….. what is pleasing to God! (Matth. 3:8)

**VERSE FOR THE WEEK: 1 John 1:9 SEE: 1 Corinthians 11:27-30**