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Joshua: Strength and Courage

Trouble and Hope

Joshua 7:1-26

Sin. No one likes that word. No one likes to be accused of sin. Human sin is a continual theme throughout the Bible. The story of Achan reveals the insidious and deadly reality of sin. Only when we understand that, can we then fully appreciate the amazing grace given to us through Jesus Christ.

Additional Verses:

Gen. 16:7-14 2 Chron. 15:2 Hosea 2:14-15 Matt. 6:22-23
John 2:25 Eph. 2:4-7 James 1:13-15 1 John 2:15-17

Outline:

1. An omniscient disclosure. (7:1)

2. A stunning defeat. (7:2-5)

3. A lamented prayer. (7:6-9)

4. A definitive response. (7:10-15)

5. A sad confession. (7:16-21)

6. A destructive end. (7:22-26)

Study Questions:

1. Why is verse 1 critical to understand chapter 7?

2. What is the connection between Genesis 16:13 and John 2:25? How is this another example of Jesus elevating the importance of holiness?

3. How does Joshua's prayer model a prayer of lament? Have you ever prayed in this manner? How did God glorify His name in answering that prayer?

4. Why is Achan's sin so grievous to God? How does sin impact the rest of the community? How can sin impact Red Bank?

5. Why does God demand such a severe punishment? What does this teach you about the enormity of our sin? What does this teach you about the holiness of God?

6. How does God turn the "Valley of Trouble" into the "Valley of Hope?"

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?