

## The Promise: “Experiencing God’s Justice”

Joshua 7:1-9, 20-26; 8:1-2,11-23

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### I. Unfaithfulness leads to defeat. (Joshua 7:1-5)

1. The sin of one effect the many. (vs 1)

Romans 5:12; Romans 6:23

2. The consequences of sin effects the many. (vs 2-5)

### II. Sin leads to judgment. (Joshua 7:20-26)

1. Sin goes public. (vs 20-23)

Genesis 3:6

2. Sin’s consequences can be horrific. (vs 24-26)

2 Peter 3:9

### III. Faithfulness leads to victory. (Joshua 8:1-2, 11-23)

1. Living life without fear. (8:1-2)

Deuteronomy 1:21

2. Living life according to God’s promises. (vs 11-23)

Joshua 11:23; Romans 8:20-21

### LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. In Joshua 7:1, Achan's sin is said to bring trouble on Israel as a whole. What does this verse teach us about the corporate nature of sin within a community?
2. Achan's sin led to defeat at Ai, which shocked Joshua and the elders. How can our individual actions affect the groups or communities we're part of?
3. Why do you think Achan’s entire family was punished for his sin? How does this compare to our modern understanding of justice?
4. How can the ambush strategy employed by the Israelites be interpreted from a spiritual perspective?
5. How do we see God’s judgment and mercy played out in the battle of Ai?