

JOSHUA



TEXT: Joshua 8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parent Commissioning** – next Sunday, on Mother’s Day. Sign up at www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps
 - **Team252 – a student missions week in Rocky Mount**, for all students 6th-12th grade. Sign up by emailing Daniel@redeemerchurch.com by May 13.
 - **IJM (International Justice Mission) Rescue Party**: Friday, May 17, 6pm-8pm. Sign up on the Facebook page.
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Leading off...

1. How have you seen God’s goodness in your life?
2. How has God given you another chance?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the God of “Another Chance”.

Read Joshua 7:25-26

3. Remember chapter 7. Israel receives God’s discipline for their disobedience. How did the disobedience of the one, affect all of Israel?
4. What lessons do we learn from this?

Read Joshua 8:1-2

5. Contrast verse 1 with the last verse in chapter 7. We see that God does not leave us in our sin and shame. How does this encourage you?
6. These words “*do not fear and do not be dismayed*” are seen throughout scripture. How do these words minister to you, especially after a time of defeat in your life?
7. In what ways does God bless the people of Israel after their defeat?
8. How have you likewise experienced God’s blessings in your life? Can you share a testimony of God’s work in your life?

Summarize Joshua 8:3-13

Read Joshua 8:14-17

9. We see here Joshua executing God’s plan. Discuss this statement: “*Beware of over-confidence based on past victories.*”
10. Joshua, under God’s plan, uses man’s means for victories. Jesus called it “shrewdness”. What do we learn from this?
11. How did Joshua lead and how can we learn from him?
12. Likewise, how did Jesus lead and what have you learned from him?

Read 2 Chronicles 16:19

13. God honors obedience and blesses repentance. How have you learned to more fully lean on God’s ways in your life?

Read or summarize Joshua 8:18-23

14. The test for Israel was this: Would they do what God said? Talk about lessons you’ve learned from doing things God’s way.

Read or summarize Joshua 8:24-29

15. "Victory comes to you and through you, but not by you." God is the warrior, and Israel was the vessel. Joshua points us to Jesus, who fought the battle for us. What is the fitting response to the grace of Jesus?

Read Joshua 8:30-35

16. In verses 30-33 we see here a fitting response: a covenant renewal ceremony. They were being made right with God and right with one another. How ought this to be lived out in our lives and in our church?
17. Verses 34-35 we see the commitment to the Word of the Lord. What lessons can we learn from this admonition to stand on God's word?

Wrapping Up...**Read Micah 7:18-19**

18. How is this good news to you?