

1. How would you define “true victory”? How might the definition be different for a Christian and a non-Christian?
2. Read **Joshua 8:1-29** — ***Devoted Obedience to God***
 - a. After the setback at Ai, Joshua needed encouragement and assurance from God to take the next step forward in obedience. How did God encourage him?
 - b. In what areas of our lives individually and as a church might we need encouragement in order to step out in faith? Where should we turn in order to seek this encouragement?
 - c. How does the message of **James 1:22-25** relate to this characteristic of true victory?
3. Read **Joshua 8:30-35** — ***Covenant Faithfulness with God***
 - a. How would you describe the scene between the two mountains at Shechem? What elements contributed to the pure worship that took place? How might this affect the way we worship?
 - b. As we stand between Mount Calvary (Jesus death) and the Mount of Olives (Jesus 2nd coming *Zechariah 14:4*), how should our lives show our covenant faithfulness to God?
 - c. How does **Galatians 3:13-14** depict the covenant of grace and how does **1 John 2:1-6** call us to display covenant faithfulness?
4. Read **Joshua 9:1-27** — ***Total Dependence on God***
 - a. What motivated the Gibeonite deception? Does this same motive affect our decisions?
 - b. If Joshua had not honored his word, even though he was deceived, how might it have dishonored God? How does our word affect our witness?
 - c. What was the primary cause of Joshua falling for the ploy? How often do we truly seek God’s guidance before we make decisions – big or small?
5. These three characteristics of true victory with Jesus are linked in our lives, but if you had to identify the one you struggle with the most right now, which would it be? Within this area, what is one specific struggle in your life that you can ask God to help you with this week?

Next Week: Joshua 10:1-43

Reading Plan: Romans 10-14



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