

1. Have you ever experienced a time where a seemingly-small choice had drastic consequences? What was that experience like?
2. Read Joshua 7:1-9 — ***The Defeat of God's People***
  - a. Achan's hidden sin caused the entire nation of Israel to suffer. What does this truth teach us about the communal nature of sin, especially within the church?
  - b. Achan's story was similar to Adam's story in chapter 3 of Genesis. In what ways do you see their story play out in our world today (I see, I want, I take)?
  - c. What are ways that believers outwardly appear faithful but inwardly prioritize themselves?
3. Read Joshua 7:10-15 — ***The Response of the Lord***
  - a. God told Joshua to "Get up!" rather than immediately comforting him. What does this reveal to us about God's character and His view of sin?
  - b. Read Romans 1:18 and Hebrews 10:31. Why do people often choose to ignore or avoid this truth about God? What is the danger in doing this?
  - c. What does it practically mean to choose Christ's solution rather than trying to manage or hide our sin ourselves?
4. Read Joshua 7:16-26 — ***The Punishment of the Sinner***
  - a. The process of exposing Achan as the sinner was slow and thorough. What does this reveal to us about how hidden sin will eventually be exposed?
  - b. How does sitting with the weight of this story deepen your understanding of the necessity of the cross?
  - c. What does genuine repentance look like as opposed to just feeling guilty?
5. If someone examined your life over the past month (time spent, priorities, conversations, private habits, etc.) what evidence would suggest you are choosing God over yourself? What is one practical step you need to take this week to reflect that choice more clearly?

**Next Week:** Joshua 8:1-9:27

**Reading Plan:** Romans 5-9



**GOD SAID**



**I HEARD**



**I WILL**