

COURAGEOUS CROSSINGS

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOSHUA

Sermon Series: Courageous Crossings: Lessons from the Life of Joshua

Hiding in Plain Sight

Joshua Joshua 7:1–26

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Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Truth for Today:

God gives us the freedom to choose, but we can't choose our consequences.
Sunlight is the best disinfectant.

The cross of Christ transforms guilt into grace.

Bottom Line:

You control your choices, but you can't choose your consequences.

1. Compromise Comes at a Cost (Joshua 7:1–5)

Private sin eventually has public consequences.

Galatians 6:7–8: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”

Lie: “My secret sin only affects me.”

Truth: “Secret sin takes you further than you want to go, costs you more than you want to pay, and keeps you longer than you want to stay.”

II. Repentance restores what sin destroys. (Joshua 7:6-7, 10-13, 16-21)

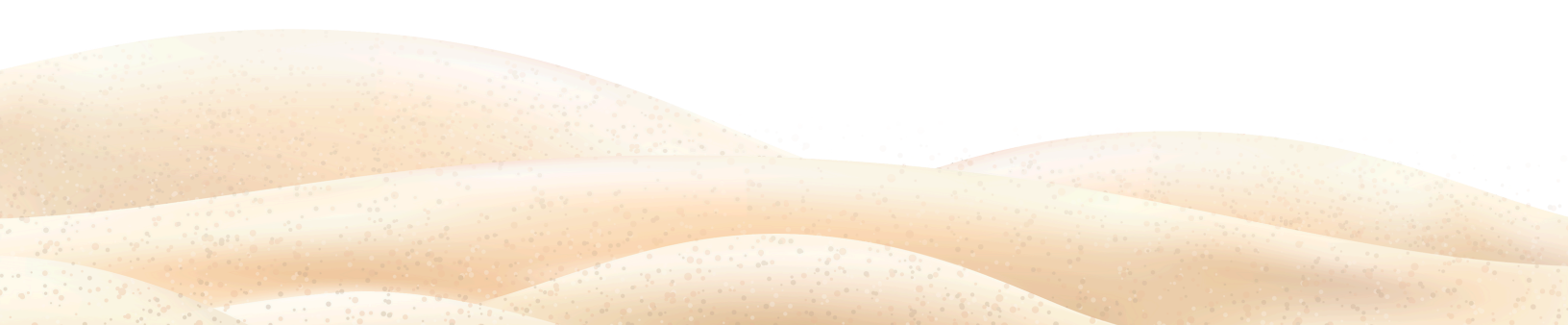
- What you **cover**, God will **uncover**.
 - “There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.” – Luke 12:2
- What you **uncover**, God will **cover**.
 - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

God confronts our sin not to **condemn** us, but to **restore** us.

III. Jesus died for what we tried to hide. (Joshua 7:22-26)

Contrast: Achan died for his sin. Jesus died for ours.

- “There I will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.” – Hosea 2:15
- “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners,
 - Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8



Shame says	Confession admits	Jesus says
I am bad.	I made a bad choice.	You are forgiven and free. (John 8:36)
I am a mistake.	I sinned and I feel bad about it.	You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Ps. 139:14)
I am a disappointment.	I've let myself and others down.	You are my beloved. (Matt. 3:17)
I have to hide.	I've been hiding out of fear.	Come into the light and be healed. (1 John 1:7)
I'll never be enough.	I can't do this on my own.	My grace is sufficient for you. (2 Cor. 12:9)
I'm defined by my worst moment.	I'm stuck and don't know how to get out.	I make all things new. (Rev. 21:5)
I must earn acceptance.	I've tried to prove my worth.	You are accepted in the Beloved. (Eph. 1:6)
If they really knew me, they'd leave.	I don't want to end up alone.	I will never leave or forsake you. (Heb. 13:5)
My secret keeps me safe.	Hiding hasn't helped me heal.	The truth will set you free. (John 8:32)
I can't change. I'm struggling to grow.	I will finish the work	I started in you. (Phil. 1:6)