

An open Bible is shown at the top and bottom of the image. The top part shows the text of the Bible, and the bottom part shows the spine and pages of the Bible. A wooden gavel is resting on the Bible. The background is a textured, parchment-like surface. The word "JOSHUA" is written in large, dark, serif letters across the middle of the image.

JOSHUA

Called For Such Times

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Joshua in VICTORY!**
 - **2 things will test our character: victories & defeats!**
 - **Joshua is in God's will...**
 - **Joshua 6:27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.**
 - **What could be better?**
- **A new challenge... Ai!**

In the night...

- **Joshua 7:1 - a quiet sin...**
- **“the sons of Israel” whole community!**
 - **The had consecrated themselves before Jericho**
 - **Now one man “took some things”**
 - **Anger of the Lord against the people...**
- **Why?**
 - **Early on in history of Israel in the new land...**
 - **See Acts 5 – both about money/fame**
 - **Satan’s seed of impurity and destruction!**

ACHAN'S GREED



*When a man ignores Yahweh's instructions,
he pays a very high price for his defiance.*

In the Book: Joshua 7

PREPARATION

- Joshua 7 – spies again?
 - Was this a good pattern?
 - Seeking God? Or man's strategies??
- Only send 2 or 3 thousand... they are few...
 - 36 dead!
 - Hearts of the people melted...
 - A defeat...

Joshua in Failure

- **How we respond here, especially as leaders...**
 - Torn clothing, humbled before the “presence”
 - Elders join him (6)
- **He prays...**
 - **WHY DID YOU BRING US HERE? Jordon longings...**
 - **What about your great Name?**
- **Last thing was the most important!**
 - **Do we really think of this?**

The Lord RESPONDS!

- **GET UP!**

- Israel has sinned, transgressed, stolen, deceived...
- 12- they cannot stand, accursed!
- “I will not be with you anymore unless...”
- Small things are the great tests of obedience!

- **Rise up (13)**

- Consecrate yourselves! (again)
- Remove the “THINGS”

Exposing sin

- **Lottery...**
 - How long was the wait for Achan?
 - Tribe, Family, Household – vs 18 exposed!
- **Joshua 7:19 – God is glorified in manifested truth**
 - I have sinned against the Lord...
 - “I saw...I coveted...took...concealed”
 - Poured out before the Lord
 - What now...?

Judgment!

- The entire nation was effected...
 - Public punishment of all...
 - **SIN COSTS!!!**
 - “all Israel stones them with stones”
 - A different memorial is made...
- Joshua 8:1 – “Then the Lord said to Joshua...”
 - God still focused on obedience!
 - He sees, notices, and **RESPONDS!**

Next week...

Back to Victory!