



Message Series Guide

Everywhere Christian

Part 6 – Hidden Sin (Basement)

Joshua 7:1-21

Darkness is a dangerous thing. Nothing healthy grows in the dark. Flowers, trees, fruits and vegetables all grow in the light. But things like mold, fungus and moss thrive in dark environments. Sin is like mold. It grows in secret and shady places. The kind of growth we want is growth that happens in the light. What we hide in the darkness, holds us back from God's light.

READ: Joshua 1:1-21; Numbers 23:23; Proverbs 28:13;
1 John 1:9

DISCUSS:

- What caused Israel's loss in their battle against Ai? Why did God hold all Israel responsible for one man's deeds? How can our private sins cause public defeat?
- Is there such thing as private or hidden sin? Why or why not? How do we bring hidden sins to light?
- Is confessing sin after you've been caught the same as repentance? Why did God deal so drastically with Achan and his family? Why do you suppose God deals differently with sin today?

PRAY & RESPOND:

Pray about any hidden sins in your life and make a commitment to confess and repent of those sins today.