

**Asking for Directions**  
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1. God's blessing is not automatic.

**Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)**

2. His blessing comes to those who seek Him.
3. God wants to bless you.

**Psalms 119:68 (NLT)**

**Joshua 9:1-2 (ESV)**

**Joshua 5:1 (NIV)**

**A. Sin has consequences.**

1. Sin will affect your future.
2. There can be direct consequences.
3. You may miss God's best for your life.
4. At Best there may be wasted years.
5. Sin always separates you from God.

**B. It pays to serve the Lord.**

**Proverbs 10:22 (NLT)**

**Deuteronomy 20:16-18(NIV)**

1. Good intentions can still result in bad choices.
2. Preventative prayer.

**C. Three things about Joshua's mistake.**

1. The Fear factor.

**Deuteronomy 7:1 (NIV)**

2. We should Pray instead of moving too Fast.

### **Joshua 9:3-15 (ESV)**

3. Decisions without research, and inquiring of the Lord are unwise.

### **Proverbs 14:15 (NLT) !**

The prudent carefully consider their steps.

### **D. Application**

1. Pray instead of assuming you know.

### **James 1:5 (ESV)**

### **James 1:5 (MSG)**

2. If you don't feel peace...run.

### **Joshua 9:16 (ESV)**

3. Get Godly counsel.

### **Joshua 9:17-19 & 22 (ESV)**

4. Keep your word...even when it hurts.

### **Numbers 32:23 (NLT)**

### **Proverbs. 3:5-6 (ESV)**

#### **Next Steps Today I am:**

1. Committing/recommitting my life to Christ
2. Asking God to help me overcome a besetting sin.
3. Asking God to help me walk by faith instead of reacting in fear.
4. Seeking the Lord with all my heart.