

Questions, Reflections & Prayer Points

Now that you've listened to the teaching on Joshua chapter 7, go through the questions below and use some paper or your computer to write down your answers.

Questions:

1. List the mistakes Joshua and the Israelites made leading up to the defeat at Ai.
2. Based on the things you listed above, which of these mistakes presents the biggest challenge to you personally?
3. Achan allowed the entire process of searching through tribes, clans and households to take place before he was willing to admit and confess his sinful actions. Why do you think people struggle so much with admitting that they are wrong?
4. What happened in this chapter that paved the way for victory at Ai?

Reflection: (Spend some time meditating on these comments)

- Crossing the Jordan made Israel more liable to danger. They could have stayed on the other side of the Jordan and lived in relative peace, but they *chose* to go in and take hold of the promises of God. Sometimes making the decision to walk in the promises of Christ makes us more liable to attack because we're a bit more visible to the enemy than we were before. Read 1 Peter 5:8 and think about the verse.
- Think about how many people were affected by Achan's sin. We don't live in a vacuum. People are touched by the choices we make every day.
- The punishment that was leveled against Achan was terrible and severe. But then, God wants us to know that sin cannot be tolerated. It must be blotted out when exposed.
- Defeat is humiliating. But we can rise again to walk in victory after things have been put right. Think about the things the Lord wants you to do to put things right

Prayer Points:

1. Ask the Lord to reveal areas in your own heart that might make you liable to defeat.
2. Pray for the willingness and courage to investigate your heart and remove sin whenever found.
3. Ask the Lord to make you constantly aware of how your choices to sin can spill over into the lives of those you love the most.
4. Read Psalm 119:11 and ask the Lord to help you make this verse a reality in your life in an ever

greater way.