JUMP - Trust God's Best

Joshua 6:18-22

- 1. God still lives in <u>covenant</u> with us today through Jesus Christ. He saves us, and with the saving comes a calling; He calls us into a life of devotion to Him. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Joshua 7:1
- 2. Just as our <u>individual</u> faith helps overcome Jerichos when we unify and march together with other followers of Christ- our individual sin impacts the entire Church as well. 1 Corinthians 10:31-33; Joshua 7:2-5
- 3. Yesterday's victory does not guarantee tomorrow's triumph- every battle is a new battle and needs to be faced with devotion and prepared for with prayer. *Joshua* 7:6-9
- 4. How I respond after a spiritual attack proves the <u>condition</u> of my heart. It exposes whether I really am all in, or I'm not as devoted as I thought I was. *Joshua 7:10-13*
- 5. Devotion is not a one-time event; it is a <u>daily</u> setting aside and giving over of my heart, my time, my talent and my treasure to God for His purposes. Luke 9:23

Review: 3 things that contributed to Israel's defeat at Ai:

- 1. They had not sought God for His plan. If they had, perhaps He would have revealed the sin in the camp before they went to battle.
- 2. One person was living in disobedience to God's word and it weakened the entire People. Personal faith contributes to corporate strength- Personal sin contributes to corporate weakness.
- 3. The people were not really all in. Even though they had consecrated themselves, been circumcised, entered into covenant with God and trusted God for the victory over Jericho- their response after the setback at Ai exposed their heart.

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Next week's reading guide:

Joshua 8:1-8 Joshua 8:9-13 Joshua 8:14-17 Joshua 8:18-23 Joshua 8:24-29 Joshua 8:30-34 Ephesians 6:10-18

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How do you personally stay devoted to Christ?
- 2. Has you ever sinned and it hurt someone? Have you ever been impacted by another's sin?
- 3. When you go through a spiritual attack, how do you respond?
- 4. How are you devoting your time to God? How are you devoting your talent to God? How are you devoting your treasure to God? Share about your devotions: Prayer, the Word, serving in your SHAPE, using your resources for God's purposes.

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