

## RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

# **DO YOU WANT TO WALK IN VICTORY?**

Joshua 7 – 9

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*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.  
Ephesians 5:15-16*

### **How can you live a life of spiritual victory?**

#### **1. Believe the truth concerning God's character.**

- A. God is always good, loving, perfect, faithful and true.
- B. When we don't understand, the problem is never with God.  
*So the LORD said to Joshua, "Rise up! Why is it that you have have fallen on your face? Israel has sinned ...." Joshua 7:10-11*

#### **2. Pray before you proceed.**

- A. Prayerlessness reveals a pride problem.  
*"Do not let all the people go up; only about two or three thousand men need go up to Ai; do not make all the people toil up there, for they are few." Joshua 7:3*
- B. Prayerlessness always gets us into trouble.
- C. Prayerfulness comes with a promise.  
*"Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3*

#### **3. Hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

*Now the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land. You shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it." Joshua 8:1-2*

- A. Faith is simply doing what God says to do.

B. Faith is bolstered by declaring the Word.



*Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of uncut stones on which no man had wielded an iron tool; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. He wrote there on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written, in the presence of the sons of Israel.*

*All Israel with their elders and officers and their judges were standing on both sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as the native. Half of them stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had given command at first to bless the people of Israel. Then afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel with the women and the little ones and the strangers who were living among them. Joshua 8:30-35*

**If there is something keeping you from victory, get it right!**