

Rooting Out Sin in Our Life!
Momentum: Getting on Track With God
Joshua 7
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Joshua 7:1, ...the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things... So the LORD's anger burned against Israel.

Joshua 7:26, Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger.

Joshua 7:2, Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai... "Go up and spy out the region." So the men went up and spied out Ai. **3** When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the army will have to go up against Ai... for only a few people live there." **4** So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai,

Joshua 7:10, The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? **11** Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. **12** That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies...

Rooting Out Sin in Our Life Means That We:

1. Remember That Victories Often Lead to TEMPTATION

Joshua 6:27, So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land.

2. Understand That Personal Sin Affects OTHERS

Joshua 7:4, ... they were routed by the men of Ai, 5 who killed about thirty-six of them. ... At this the hearts of the people melted in fear and became like water.

Numbers 32:23, "But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

3. Practice True Repentance Which Brings About FORGIVENESS

Joshua 7:13, "Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow... the God of Israel, says: There are devoted things among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them.

4. Confess Sin to Those We HURT

Joshua 7:19, Then Joshua said to Achan, "... Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." **20** Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: **21** When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

5. Remove the Sinful THINGS

Joshua 7:22, So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. **23** They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

6. Understand That the Consequences of Our Sin Are REAL

Joshua 7:25, Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today."

There Is an Achan in All of Us!

Romans 7:21, So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!