



Lessons from the life of Joshua

Learning from failure

1 But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel.

2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few."

4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

7 And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord God, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all--to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan!

8 O Lord, what shall I say when Israel
turns its back before its enemies?

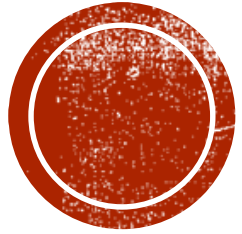
9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?"

10 So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up!
Why do you lie thus on your face?"

11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction.

Neither will I be with you anymore,
unless you destroy the accursed from
among you.



**FAILURES COME
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Just a thought...

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**WHEN THINGS ARE GOING WELL,
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17 And he is before all things, and **in him all things hold together.**

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**JESUS IS THE GLUE THAT HOLDS
IT ALL TOGETHER**

15 I know your works, that you are
neither cold nor hot. I could wish you
were cold or hot.

16 So then, because you are lukewarm,
and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you
out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--



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42 And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. **Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?"**

43 Simon answered and said, "**I
suppose the one whom he
forgave more.**" And He said to him,
"You have rightly judged."

47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. **But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."**

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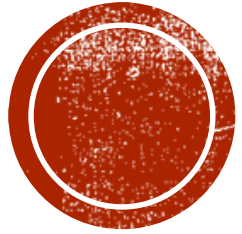
**WHEN WE FORGET OUR NEED FOR
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23 for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God,

20 For there is not a just man on earth
who does good And does not sin.

23 For the wages of sin is death,...

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20 And Achan answered Joshua and said,
"Indeed I have sinned against the Lord
God of Israel, and this is what I have
done:

21 "When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them...

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**LITTLE THINGS TURN INTO BIG
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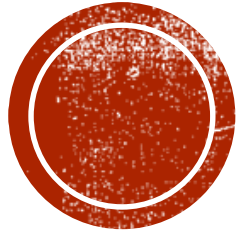
7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for **whatever a man sows, that
he will also reap.**

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18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The
Lord will not hear me.

31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

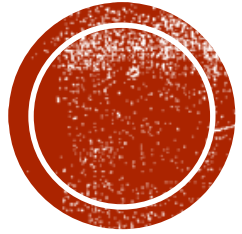
9 One who turns away his ear from
hearing the law, Even his prayer is an
abomination.

3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you
will all likewise perish.

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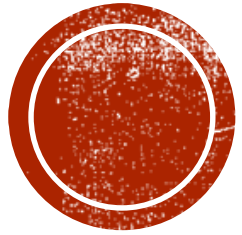
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**TO GET BACK IN TRACK
WE MUST REMEMBER
THE SOURCE OF OUR
BLESSINGS**

30 Now Joshua built an altar to the Lord
God of Israel in Mount Ebal,

31 ... And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.

34 And afterward he read all the words of
the law, the blessings and the cursings,
according to all that is written in the Book
of the Law.

35 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, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.



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