

# HOW DOES JOSHUA THE LEADER DEAL WITH SIN?

**Text: Joshua 7**

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## 1

**THE PEOPLE WERE DEFEATED**

- The spies brought back a report. **v2-5**
- Fewer men went out this time only 3000.
- They were defeated and lost 36 men.
- As a result they were demoralized .
- God didn't go with them so they were ill equipped.

## 2

**JOSHUA WENT TO GOD v6-9**

- He never blamed his men
- He reminded God about the danger they were already in eg.
- His men were very discouraged
- The message to the inhabitants of the land- they would become bold
- The name of God which is in shame.
  - \* Other leaders shared his concern
  - \* Joshua was an example of humility.

## 3

**GOD SPOKE v10-12**

- The sin of disobedience was already in the camp
- That sin must come out of them before they could have peace.
- Joshua Immediately acted. **v13**
- Achan was found out and punished. **v19-21**
- This was a hard decision to make but he had to make it. **v24**
- Paul reminds the Romans that the wages of sin is death.

**Romans 6:23**

\* the people were now ready to face the challenge again but with God.

## 4

## WHAT LESSONS DO WE LEARN?

- Making decisions is important for a leader hard though it may be.
- Seek guidance from God before you make any decision.
- Own the out come and deal with it.
- Joshua felt the pain people went through. This is the cost of leadership.
- He knew the battle belongs to God and not his.

# CONCLUSION

- These seven chapters only open the great treasure in this book. I hope you will take time to study the rest of the book and see the promise keeping God at work.



## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS

1. Joshua did not consult with God before he sent the spies. He could have avoided this casualty. Why do you think sometimes success makes leaders arrogant?
2. Why do you think Joshua had to go to God after this failure?  
**v6-9.**
3. Why should the sin of one man affect the whole community?
4. The wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:23**) discuss why life in Christ is a free gift.

**Questions?...**

**Thank You and God Bless You**