

SERMON OUTLINE

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The Message of Joshua

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I. Introduction

- A. The message of Joshua - How to enter the land - and remain
 - 1. **Ch 1-12**: Conquest of Canaan: Key to Victory in Life
 - 2. **Ch 13-24**: Settlement in Canaan: Key to Maintaining Victory
- B. What It Will Take on Our Part:
 - 1. **Joshua 1:1-9** - Faith and Courage to Act
 - 2. Heaven is ours - faith and courage to fight!!!

II. Victory in Life

- A. Remember Who Gives the Victory: **Joshua 7:2-3**
 - 1. Tremendous victory at Jericho. Confidence in own ability?
 - 2. Trust in God is often hindered by positive things.
 - 3. Instructions to the blessed: **1 Timothy 6:17-19**: Do not be conceited; Do not fix hope on uncertain things; Realize the true source of blessings; Use your blessings to serve others.
- B. View Success In God's Terms: **Joshua 7:6-9**
 - 1. Joshua's question, "Why?" Wasn't victory God's will?
 - 2. When negative events occur we wonder, "Why?"
 - a. Upset because: We don't see whole picture. Not MY pix
 - b. **James 1:2-4** - Joy in suffering??? God's purpose served
- C. Get Up and Do God's Will: **Joshua 7:10-13**
 - 1. Faith means NOTHING without action
 - 2. Victory and Sin do NOT go together: **Psalms 66:18; Prov 28:9**
 - 3. Be courageous and do God's will.
- D. Walk With the Almighty (God Knows): **Joshua 7:14-21**
 - 1. Why did God do it this way?
 - 2. What will it take for me to stop my sin?
 - 3. Paul tells Timothy: "For some their sins follow after them." (**1 Timothy 5:24-25**). What are we leaving in our wake?
- E. Run with Courage, Take a Drastic Course: **Joshua 7:22-26**
 - 1. Elimination of sin came at an awful price. It was a drastic fix.
 - 2. What do we do to eliminate sin in our lives? Are we willing to make the drastic step to right the wrong? What if we don't?
 - 3. **Matthew 18:8-9**: A drastic course, are we willing to take it?