

# TURN DEFEAT INTO VICTORY

## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

The Bible provides us with valuable insights on how to overcome defeats and failures. One such passage is Proverbs 29:16, which says, "The righteous man falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in time of calamity." In Joshua 6:27, Joshua achieved great success and fame spread throughout the land. However, this victory did not guarantee future success. Joshua 7:1 reveals the sin of a man named Achan from the tribe of Judah, whose disobedience to God impacted the entire nation, resulting in the Lord's anger towards Jerusalem. How did Joshua and the Israelites turn their defeat into victory?

## RECOGNIZE YOUR DEFEAT (JOSHUA 7:2-5)

To turn past failures into future success, the first step is to acknowledge them. The Israelites in Joshua 7:2-3 were overconfident in their ability to conquer the city of Ai, and their past victory made them underestimate the challenge. However, their expectations were not met, and they experienced a crushing defeat that resulted in the loss of some of their fighters (verses 4-5). This caused fear and panic among the Israelites. It's easy to blame others for our problems, but it's essential to take the time to reflect on our own shortcomings and learn from our mistakes. We must identify areas for improvement and determine where we may have transgressed against the Lord.

## REFOCUSED ON GOD (JOSHUA 7:6-26)

Joshua 7:6-9 shows that when Joshua and the people realized they had suffered defeat, they turned to God in prayer and mourning. They recognized that their actions had not been in line with God's will and in Joshua 7:10-11, God points out the root cause of Israel's defeat: sin. This demonstrates the importance of identifying and addressing the root problem in any situation, rather than simply addressing the symptoms. Sin steals our joy, peace, and strength, and we must repent to restore our relationship with God.

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Rise up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the Lord, the God of Israel, has said, "There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst."

JOSHUA 7:13

David is an example of true repentance, as seen in Psalm 51. He confessed his sin and prayed for a clean heart and restored joy in his salvation. True repentance involves more than just admitting our faults and seeking forgiveness. It is a change of heart and mind, turning away from sin and toward God. 1 John 1:9 promises that if we confess our sins, God will forgive us.

## RESPOND TO GOD BY FAITH (JOSHUA 8:1-2)

The passage in Joshua 8:1-2 highlights that God instructed Joshua to lead the people to victory after they had repented of their sins. It's important to note that repentance is a necessary step towards achieving victory, but we cannot stop there. Once we have repented, we are then called to respond to God by faith, rather than by feelings of hopelessness, guilt, or regret. The story of Jesus' encounter with Peter in John 21:15-17 is a powerful example of this. Jesus repeatedly asks Peter if he loves Him, emphasizing the importance of love as our greatest motivation. As believers, we are called to love God above all else and respond to Him in complete obedience. This requires a deep faith in God and His promises, which we can access through our relationship with Jesus Christ. In Galatians 3:10,13-14, we are reminded that in Christ, we can take hold of the promises of God through faith. So, as we respond to God in faith, we can trust in His goodness, His mercy, and His power to lead us to victory.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Is there anything in your life that is not pleasing to God? Is there any connection with your life circumstances now and unconfessed sins?

What lessons have you learned from your past mistakes? What do you think God is telling you to do for His greater glory?

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March 2, Thursday

10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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- Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR  
VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING  
HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a  
meaningful life with Him in the  
present and gain eternal life with  
Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**  
**His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
—Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin  
separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away  
from God's saving presence.  
— Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only  
way for us to be reconciled to  
Him: through His son, Jesus  
Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised  
to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by  
His blood, we shall be saved from the  
wrath of God through Him.  
— Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. — John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven of our sins  
and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He  
gave His only begotten Son, that  
whoever believes in Him shall not  
perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved  
through faith; and that not of  
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as  
a result of works, so that no one may  
boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have  
eternal life when you trust in  
Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name  
of the Son of God, so that you may know  
that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*



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