

Conquering MY Jericho

Week 7: Complete the task

Focus Text: Joshua 7-8

After we begin to see the initial blessings of following through with the plans that God gives us, it is easy to become complacent. We can get distracted by the next project or pulled into something that will take our focus away from the path set before us.

God's plans for us are comprehensive and they are complete. If we are to fully live out His will for our lives, we have to remain intent on completing the task in front of us. We can't go halfway. Joshua was clear about what had to be done in Jericho. Everything was to be destroyed. Achan, however, stole some of the plunder and hid it under his tent. His failure to follow through on what God had commanded led to Israel being surprised and defeated as it set out to Ai.

There are repercussions to not following through with God's plans.

As you have set out to conquer the Jerichos in your life, have you found yourself wanting to stop halfway or not entirely complete the mission? It's time to commit to crossing the finish line.

NOW, READ ALL OF JOSHUA 7-8 BEFORE BEGINNING THE QUESTIONS.

Consequence 1: Results (Joshua 7:3-5)

Study questions:

What was the result of Achan's sin? Be specific.

Where have there been times in your life where your failure to complete the task has resulted in lackluster, or even worse, awful consequences?

Consequence 2: Reputation (Joshua 7:7-9)

When have you experienced a time when your reputation has been impacted by a failure to follow through on something that God has prompted you to do?

How is our completion of God's plans for our lives a reflection of our faith?

Consequence 3: Relationships (Joshua 7:24-26)

Can you describe a time where your failure to follow through with something God has placed before you has negatively impacted a relationship?

Flip it. Describe a time of blessing when you have seen relationships flourish and grow as a result of your obedience.

Promise 1: Restoration (Joshua 8:1-2)

Think of a time when God allowed you to go back to an area of failure and restore it. How was the result even more meaningful than it would have been had you not experienced failure?

How can you model a spirit of restoration to your friends, children, or grandchildren?

Promise 2: Re-equipping (Joshua 8:30-35)

When you've completed the task, what do you do to celebrate the accomplishment? Can you describe a time of celebration after conquering a Jericho?

Why is God's word the best place to go for your next assignment? How will you commit to using the Bible as a playbook for your next Jericho?