

Joshua 7:1-26 “Failure” (2/4/2024)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Joshua 7:1-26

1. How does the passage show that Achan’s sin impacted the people as a whole?
2. Do you believe your sins have an impact on others? Explain.
3. Why were Achan’s actions so serious that “the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel”?

4. Identify the various possible “failures” by Joshua and by the people which may have led to their defeat at Ai.

5. Discuss how the Israelites’ response to their defeat (7:5) was the same as the Canaanites’ responses to other circumstances (recall Joshua 2:10-11 and 5:1).

6. Joshua’s lament involved concern for God’s reputation (7:9). Do you find that today’s church tolerates sin rather than the honor of God? Why or why not?