

“We make war that we may live in peace.” - Aristotle

Series Recap:

The book of Joshua is a divine call to courage by seeing God’s faithfulness as He grows His kingdom through His people.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper). - Randy Pope

Courage from above leads to faith.

God’s people do need more leaders worth following.

Faith comes by hearing.

We must ask, “God, are we on Your side?”

The weapon of our faith is worship.

Book of Joshua Outline

- I. Prologue - calling of Joshua (ch 1)
- II. Entering the land (ch 2-5)
- III. Taking the land (ch 6-12)**
- IV. Dividing the land (ch 13-21)
- V. Epilogue - farewell of Joshua (ch 22-24)

We sin in the dark.

God redeems in the light.

Joshua 7:1-5; Joshua 7:19-21

Joshua 8:1-2; Joshua 8:18-23; Joshua 8:30-35

- I. Defeat at Ai (7:1-9)
- II. Sin of Achan (7:10-26)

“But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.” -Joshua 6:18-19 (ESV)

III. Defeat of Ai (8:1-29)

IV. Renewal of the Covenant (8:30-36)

Glance at your sin. Set your gaze on your Savior!

“Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” -Romans 5:18-19 NIV

For each sermon in this series ask yourself these three questions:

1. Is there a command for me to obey?
2. Is there an example for me to follow?
3. Is there a principle for me to apply?

Discussion Questions:

1. Generally speaking, how do most Americans view victory? How do we view defeat? How do the media cover political victory and defeat? How do the media cover sports victories and defeats?
2. Generally speaking, how does the Church view obedience to God? How does she view disobedience to God (sin)? How does she talk about spiritual victory and defeat?
3. Do you tend to set your gaze on your sin while only glancing at Christ? Or do you, more naturally, glance at your sin but set your gaze on Christ? What are some practical ways we can set our gaze on Christ?
4. In Joshua 7-8, was there a command for you to obey? An example to follow? Or a principle to apply?