

Becoming God's people means:
Understanding the cost to disobedience

Joshua 7

Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few.

- Joshua 7:3

But the **people of Israel** broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for **Achan** the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.
- Joshua 7:1

In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that the LORD takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that the LORD takes shall come near by households. And the household that the LORD takes shall come near man by man. - Joshua 7:14

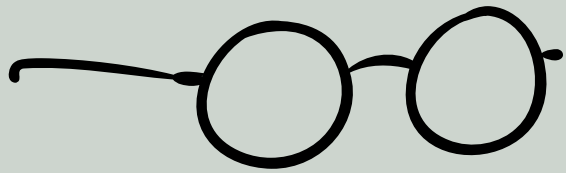
... (he) shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.' - Joshua 7:15

Sin is never private

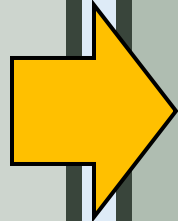
... when I **saw** among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I **coveted** them and **took** them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath. - Joshua 7:21



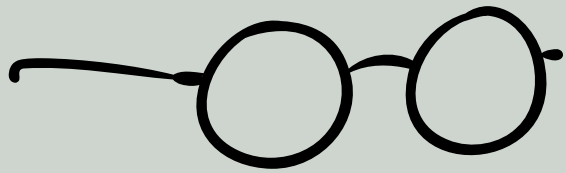
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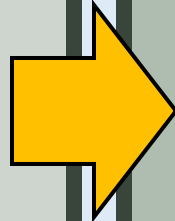
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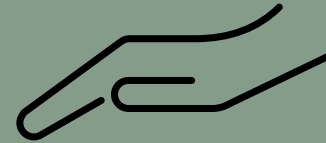
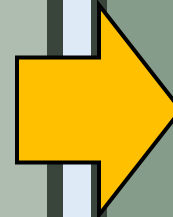
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The only way to free the soul
from the power of a lesser love is
by introducing a greater love.

- Thomas Chalmers

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and has a destructive progression.

Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, **give glory** to the LORD God of Israel and **give praise** to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me.” - Joshua 7:19

The Greek word for confession is '*homologeo*', and it means to 'say the same thing,'. So confession simply means saying the same thing' as God. It means aligning ourselves with God.

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And Joshua and all Israel with him took
Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and
the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons
and daughters and his oxen and donkeys
and sheep and his tent and all that he had.
And they brought them up to the **Valley of
Achor**. - Joshua 7:24

And Joshua said, “Why did you bring trouble on us? The LORD brings trouble on you today.” And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the **Valley of Achor**. - Joshua 7:25-26

Justice

Mercy

"And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope."

- Hosea 2:15

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and leads to a doorway of hope.