



WAY TO VICTORY
A STUDY OF JOSHUA
#7: OVERCOMING OVERCONFIDENCE
JOSHUA 7:1-26
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I. THE PROBLEM OF OVERCONFIDENCE

I tend to...

- 1. Overestimate the ability of self**
- 2. Underestimate the importance of God**
- 3. Disobey the Lord's instructions**

Pride precedes a disaster, and an arrogant attitude precedes a fall.
Proverbs 16:18 (GWT)

So be careful. When you think you are standing firm, you might fall.
1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIRV)

II. OVERVIEW OF JOSHUA 7:1-26

1. The sin of Achan (v.1)

Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed as an offering to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies. "Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the LORD and must be brought into his treasury."

Joshua 6:17-19 (NLT)

2. The defeat of Israel (v.2-5)

3. The reaction of Joshua (v.6-9)

4. The response of God (v.10-15)

5. The confession of Achan (v.16-23)

6. The judgement of the Lord (v.24-26)

Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their fathers; each is to die for his own sin.

Deuteronomy 24:16 (NIV)

III. WAYS TO OVERCOME OVERCONFIDENCE

Remember that...

1. God knows everything – even my secret sin

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)

2. My hidden sin will effect others

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts share its suffering. If one part is praised, all the others share in its happiness.

1 Corinthians 12:26 (GWT)

3. Unacknowledged sin makes me more vulnerable to enemy attack

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8 (ESV)

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

4. Confession and repentance of my sin restores God's protection

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7 (NLT)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)