

Joshua 6-8 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Looking at Joshua 7:1-9 what did Joshua command next (v2-3) but what had occurred (v1)? What resulted (v4-5) and what was Joshua's reaction (v6-9)?

5. According to 7:10-15 what did the LORD reveal to Joshua (v10-11) and what were the results (v12)? What was he to do (v13, 14, 15)? Apply.

6. From 7:16-26 how was the offender revealed (v16-18, 19, 20-21) and confirmed (v22-23)? How did Joshua and Israel deal with it (v24, 25) and what resulted (v26)? What can we learn from this story?

7. Based on 8:1-17 what did God tell Joshua (v1-2) and how did he respond (v3)? How many did he take (v3, see 7:3)? What was his plan (v4-9) and why (v6)? What occurred (v10-17)?

8. In 8:18-23 what did God tell Joshua (v18) and what did he do (v18)? What then happened (v19-21) and what was the initial outcome (v21-22, 23)?

9. Using 8:24-29 summarize the outcome of the battle (v24, 25, 26, 27) and why (v 27)? What were Joshua's final actions (v28, 29) and why do you think he did this?

10. Read 8:30-35. What was the conclusion of the two victories (v30-31) and why was this appropriate? What else did Israel do (v32, 33, 34-35) and why (see Deut 27:11-14)?

11 Review Joshua 6-8. What false sense of security did Jericho, Achan and Ai have in these 3 chapters? In what did they falsely trust? How did God show Himself trustworthy in these chapters?

Scripture to Remember

"So the Lord was with Joshua and his fame was in all the land."

Joshua 6:27 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Choose Forgiveness (Matthew 9:1-8)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group a couple of problems you faced this week. How did they affect you and how did you deal with them? What type of problems usually mess you up?
2. Read Romans 8:20-26. What is *the* problem that causes all the groaning? What are some of the results of sin on earthly creation? How has this affected our bodies?
3. Discuss how God the Spirit feels about our sin-caused groaning. What does He do about it and how can you apply that?
4. As people that are broken by sin we are diseased by it, determined to do it, and deceived by it. Give examples of how each of these has affected your life.
5. When groaning occurs in our lives why must we "hate sin, not God?" How do we do that? Look at Matt 9:1-6 and pick out some applications for our lives.
6. Talk the importance of God forgiving 1) instantly 2) completely 3) freely and 4) eternally. Why or why not are you "choosing" to receive God's love and forgiveness?
7. Where do you struggle most—remembering who you are, recognizing the enemy, rebuking him, rejoicing in the Father, or raising up your head as His son or daughter?



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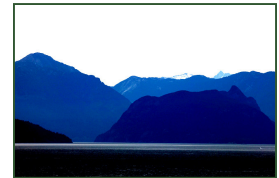
The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

A False Sense of Security Joshua 6-8

A false sense of security is one of the most dangerous mindsets a person can hold. The moment we think all is well the door is opened for failure as we drop our guards. In this week’s study this mindset led to trouble several times. First, in Joshua 6 we see the Israelites commencing the mission to defeat Jericho, which was shut up tight because of the sons of Israel. With their impregnable walls Jericho probably felt invincible. They had no idea, though, of the power and creativity of the true God. God told Joshua to take the city of Jericho by walking silently around the city walls for six days, with the priests and the ark in the middle sounding a loud blast on ram’s horns. On the seventh day they were to walk around it seven times, blow the trumpets seven times, and then they people were to shout. They were to destroy everyone and every-

thing, taking nothing as spoils of war. When they obeyed the Lord on the seventh day the walls fell down flat and the people went straight ahead, obtaining victory. Unfortunately, one in their midst, Achan, compromised the mission by taking some spoils. This unfaithfulness became evident in the next battle against the small town of Ai. With a false sense of security Joshua took a force of only three thousand men but Israel was routed by the inhabitants. In the aftermath Joshua tore his clothes and fell on his face before the Lord, asking Him why He had allowed this. The Lord told him to arise because the problem was disobedience in the camp. They then discovered by lot that Achan had taken some spoils, causing Israel’s defeat. They then took him to the valley of Achor because he had troubled Israel, and they all stoned him and his



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family. With the problem solved they then continued the mission. They went against Ai again, taking thirty thousand this time. They drew them into an ambush because of Ai’s false sense of security and destroyed them completely, although God allowed them to have some of the spoils in this instance. Having secured a beachhead in the land all Israel then offered sacrifices to God. After this half of them stood on Mt Gerazim and half on Mt Ebal as Joshua read the Law of Moses. Those on Gerazim declared blessing and those on Ebal curses as prescribed in Deuteronomy 27:11-14. With their false sense of security eradicated they were now ready for conquest.

Study Questions for Joshua 6-8

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

1. Scan Joshua 6:1-14. What did Israel face (v1) and what did God promise (v2)? What were the warriors (v3, 7, 9), priests (v4-6) and people (v7, 10) to do on days 1 through 6? How did they respond (v8-14)?	
2. Read 6:15-21. What was different on day 7 (v15, 16)? What did God tell Israel (v17, 18, 19) and what would happen if they disobeyed (v18)? How did Israel respond (v20-)	
3. From 6:22-27 what happened to Rahab and why (v22-23, 25)? What happened to the rest of Jericho (v24) and what did oath did Joshua make them take (v26)? What did God do for Joshua (v27)?	

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