



## Week #4 Notes

### 1 John 2:15-17 New International Version (NIV)

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, **love for the Father is not in them.** 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

### Joshua 6:18-19 New International Version (NIV)

18 But **keep away** from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your **own destruction** by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. 19 **All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the Lord and must go into his treasury.**”

### Joshua 7:1 New International Version (NIV)

7 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the Lord’s anger burned against Israel.

## Main Idea: Face failure with faith !

### Joshua 7:2-5 New International Version (NIV)

2 **Now Joshua sent men** from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth Aven to the east of Bethel, and told them, “Go up and spy out the region.” So the men went up and spied out Ai.

3 When they returned to Joshua, **they said**, “Not all the army will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary the whole army, for only a few people live there.” 4 So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, 5 who killed about thirty-six of them. **They chased the Israelites** from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. **At this the hearts of the people melted in fear and became like water.**

## Face failure with faith by Fighting off FEAR!

### Joshua 1:3 New International Version (NIV)

3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

### Joshua 3:7 New International Version (NIV)

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses.

### Joshua 6:2 New International Version (NIV)

2 Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

***“The power to fight off fear doesn’t come from faith in people it comes faith in JESUS”***



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### Joshua 7:6-10 New International Version (NIV)

6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the Lord, remaining there [till evening](#). The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads. 7 And Joshua said, “Alas, Sovereign Lord, **why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!**8 Pardon your servant, Lord. **What can I say, now that Israel has been routed by its enemies?** 9 The Canaanites and the other people of the country will hear about this and they will surround us and wipe out our name from the earth. **What then will you do for your own great name?”**

### Face failure with faith by fending off VICTIMZATION!

#### Joshua [7:10-12](#)

10 The Lord said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? 11 **Israel has sinned**; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. 12 That is why the **Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run** because they have been made liable to destruction. **I will not be with you** anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.

### Face failure with faith by fending off VICTIMZATION!

#### Joshua [7:19-21](#) New International Version (NIV)

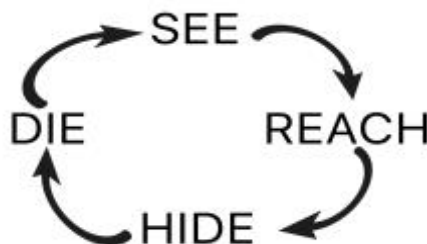
19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

20 Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: 21 When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonian] two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

### Face failure with faith by fleeing from Sins cycle...

#### James [1:14-15](#) New International Version (NIV)

14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.





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### Talk about it..

#### **Ice Breaker**

Share about a time in your life when you experienced a major setback in something where you had been making progress.

#### **Read Joshua 7:1-5 and discuss.**

What are some of the factors that led to the Israelite defeat at Ai? What is Israel's faith in this portion of these scriptures?

#### **Read Isaiah 66:2 and 1 Peter 5:6 & discuss.**

Why is humility such a redeeming value? How have you seen or experienced the power of humility in the face of failure?

#### **Read Joshua 6:10-12 & discuss.**

What do you observe to be the tone of Joshua's prayer? Who does he seemingly blame for Israel's destruction? How have you seen others play the victim? Why is playing the victim so contrary to the life of a believer?

#### **Read Hebrews 4:13 & discuss.**

How does it affect you to know that God sees it all? What can and should we as Christians do to stay sensitive to God's holiness and sin's presence?

#### **Read Joshua 7:16-26 & discuss.**

Refresh your memory about sin's cycle as shared in the message. How do we experience this same pattern in our own lives? How can we avoid falling into this pattern? What are some practical ways we can flee from sin's cycle?

#### **Read James 1:14-15; 1 Cor. 10:13; Titus 2:11-12; Psalm 32:1-5 and discuss.**

How can we practically experience the empowering grace of God?