

**Back to the Future**  
**“The Christian Life Portrayed in the History of Israel”**  
**Pt 5 - Getting Back to the Mission Josh 8:1-10:43 (p 151)**  
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God can turn our places of defeat into places of victory  
(8:1-29)

- I must be attentive to God's methods and strategies (vs 1-8)
- I must obey the word of God  
(vs 9-29; Matt 7:24-27; Luke 6:46)
- I must renew my commitment to worship and obey Christ (vs 30-35; Deut 27-28; John 4:24)

I must beware of the deceptive works of the enemy  
(9:1-27)

- I am to live by faith, not by sight  
(vs 1-15; Exo 34:12; Prov 3:5-6; 2 Cor 5:7; 6:14; 11:14)
- When I make a mistake, admit it and make my mistake work for my benefit (vs 16-27; Gen 29-30)

I can trust God to use even my failures to accomplish His own purposes (10:1-43)

- God is able to bring victory out of my blunders  
(vs 1-28; Gen 50:19-20)
- I am not to rest on my success but complete the work God has given me (vs 29-43; Acts 20:24; 2 Tim 4:7)

**Gaining insight...**

Have you had places of painful defeat? How has God used them in your life to move you forward? Have you allowed Him to teach you from those defeats? How or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think there is any difference between listening and hearing? Between hearing and doing? Why do you think there is such a “disconnect” between them (hear and obey)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there areas that you struggle with - subtle temptations from the enemy to draw you into compromised “alliances” that impair your relationship with God? List several and then list several ways you could remedy those things. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do your mistakes cause you discouragement and retreat from going on with Christ? Have you seen God move and turn a mistake in your life into a blessing for His name's sake? If so, describe. If not, how can you get back on track with God and begin to trust Him to help you move on from that? \_\_\_\_\_

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