

**Joshua: A Time For Action
The Agony of Defeat
Joshua 7:1-26 (page 152)**

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Disobedience leads to d e f e a t (7:1-5)

- Disobedience n e v e r escapes God's n o t i c e (v 1)
- Self-reliance can result in p r e s u m p t u o u s action (vs 2-5)

Reliance on God leads to r e s t o r a t i o n (7:6-15)

- When things go wrong I have a tendency to b l a m e God (vs 7-9)
- God is ready to r e s t o r e when I am ready to act in o b e d i e n c e to His word (vs 10-15)

Sin must be c o n f e s s e d, not c o n c e a l e d (7:16-21)

- *Sin* = doing things m y way rather than G o d ' s way
- God wants to deal with the r o o t of the problem, not just the s y m p t o m (v 16-18)
- My sin has a profound e f f e c t on those around me (vs 4-5,17-18)
- The p r o g r e s s i o n of sin (vs 19-21; Jas 1:13-16; 1 John 2:15-17):
 - I s a w (lust of the e y e s)
 - I c o v e t e d (lust of the f l e s h)
 - I t o o k (p r i d e of life)

Sin affects e v e r y o n e (7:22-26)

- Sin affects:
 - M e
 - O t h e r s
 - G o d