

Small actions with big impact

Life in the in-between land – Part 8 Joshua 7-8:2

1. In times of fear and disappointment pour your heart out to God

“Oh, Sovereign Lord, why did you bring us across the Jordan River if you are going to let the Amorites kill us?” Joshua 7:7

“If only we had been content to stay on the other side!” Joshua 7:7b

“For when the Canaanites and all the other people living in the land hear about it, they will surround us and wipe our name off the face of the earth. And then what will happen to the honour of your great name?” Joshua 7:9

2. Listen to God

“But the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? ¹¹ Israel has sinned and broken my covenant!’” Joshua 7:10

“They have stolen some of the things that I commanded must be set apart for me. And they have not only stolen them but have lied about it and hidden the things among their own belongings. ¹² That is why the Israelites are running from their enemies in defeat.” Joshua 7:11-12a

3. Make it your business to be where God is at work

“I will not remain with you any longer unless you destroy the things among you that were set apart for destruction.” Joshua 7:10-12b

“The Lord will stay with you as long as you stay with him! Whenever you seek him, you will find him. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you.” 2 Chronicles 15:2

4. Take the time to examine your heart because sin spells disaster

“For now Israel itself has been set apart for destruction.” Joshua 7:12

“Command the people to purify themselves in preparation for tomorrow...Hidden among you, O Israel, are things set apart for the Lord. You will never defeat your enemies until you remove these things from among you.” Joshua 7:13

5. In the valley of trouble look for Gods gateway of hope

“They piled a great heap of stones over Achan, which remains to this day. That is why the place has been called the Valley of Trouble (Achor) ever since. So the Lord was no longer angry.” Joshua 7:26

“I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.” Hosea 2:15