



Achan: What They Don't Know Can Hurt Them Part 2

Joshua 7

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I Never Thought I'd END UP Here: The DECEITFULNESS of Sin
It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, 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. Joshua 7:20-21

The Persuasive Power of RATIONALIZATION...

- It Was **QUICK**...
- It Was **SMALL**...
- It Was **PRIVATE**...

BUT God Said...

The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the LORD... 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. All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury. Joshua 6:17a, 18-19

- Yeah, But... He Was Talking about **SOMETHING ELSE**...

I Never Thought it MATTERED That Much: The COMMUNAL Side of Sin

So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, 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. Joshua 7:4-5

- There's No Such Thing as **SECRET Sin**...
You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts

*from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3
You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. Psalm 90:8*

- There's No Such Thing as **PRIVATE Sin**...
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. 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. Joshua 7:11-12

I Never Thought it Would END Like This: The LIFE & DEATH Consequences of Sin

In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe that the LORD chooses shall come forward clan by clan; the clan that the LORD chooses shall come forward family by family; and the family that the LORD chooses shall come forward man by man. Whoever is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the LORD and has done an outrageous thing in Israel! Joshua 7:14-15

- Is There Any Hope??? Joshua 7:24-25

Achan = TROUBLE

Valley of Achor = TROUBLE

There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. Hosea 2:15