# JOSHUA:

# CONSEQUENCES AND RENEWED COVENANT

BIBLE READING PLAN
WEEK 04

## DAY 1: JOSHUA 7:6-15

Achan stole from God and tried to cover it up with lies. The word "sin" means “to miss the mark.” God had clearly instructed that the firstfruits of the spoils belonged to Him, but Achan coveted them—he deeply desired to keep some for himself. His sin was also a transgression, which means “to cross over.”

God had drawn a clear line and commanded them not to cross it, but Achan chose to disobey. This sin becomes even more striking when you consider everything God had done for him. God cared for Achan and his family, brought them safely across the Jordan River, gave them victory at Jericho, and much more. Yet, despite all of this, Achan still chose to steal, lie, and believe he could get away with it.

It’s easy to point fingers at Achan and judge him for his actions, but the reality is we are all guilty of sin and fall short of the glory of God.

### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 7:6-15

Read with a heart ready to hear from God. Feel free to *star*, underline, and *mark up* your Bible.

### EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

What ideas caught your attention? What does this passage reveal about The Father, Jesus, & the Holy Spirit? Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate this passage to you and make notes below.

### APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How should you respond to this passage? How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

### PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to solidify the meaning of this passage, to change your life and your heart based on the learning you’ve had from spending this time in God’s Word.

## DAY 2: JOSHUA 7:16-26

The story of Achan's sin serves as a reminder that "no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:13). Achan believed he could steal from God and remain unnoticed. Instead, his single act of disobedience halted the progress of the entire nation of Israel and led to the death of 36 fellow soldiers and his entire family. Through Achan's story, God shows us that sin must be confronted and dealt with.

Instead of hiding it and pretending we can conceal it from God, like Achan did, we need to be people who bring our sins into the light. We must live in the truth that Jesus has already paid the price for all our sins and has taken all the punishment. Because of this, we can continually lay our sins and transgressions at the feet of Jesus, repent, and walk in His forgiveness.

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### EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

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### APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

### PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

## DAY 3: JOSHUA 8:1-29

The capture of Ai that we read about today reminds us of the importance of starting over. No matter how many mistakes we make or how far off track we go, the greatest mistake is to stop trying.

As Alexander Whyte put it, "The victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings."

The first time the Israelites tried to conquer Ai, they acted outside of God's will and allowed sin to get in the way of their victory. This time, however, they move forward in God's will, with a clear conscience, and follow His strategy faithfully. Their obedience leads to their victory.

### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 8:1-29

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## DAY 4: JOSHUA 8:30-35

Today, we encounter the fourth public monument of stones erected in the book of Joshua. The first was set up in chapter 4 to commemorate the Israelites' crossing of the Jordan River. The second was to remember God's judgment against Achan. The third served as a reminder of God's faithfulness in their victory over Ai. These new stones symbolize that their success is rooted in obedience to God. Joshua leads the people in renewing their commitment, following the instructions Moses gave in his farewell speech in Deuteronomy 27:1-8.

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### PRAY THROUGH IT:

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## DAY 5: JOSHUA 9:1-15

Joshua fails once again by getting ahead of the Lord. Acting hastily, he doesn't pause to seek God's guidance. His impatience and failure to pray about what the Gibeonites were telling him lead him to break God's command. The Israelites were specifically instructed not to make a treaty with the people living in the land, as they were called to destroy all the cities in Canaan. But in today's passage, Joshua makes a covenant with the enemy.

This story reminds us of two important truths:
Proverbs 3:5-6—"Do not lean on your own understanding."
Satan is a deceiver, the father of lies.

We must remain alert, pause, and always bring our decisions before the Lord before giving our response.

### READ THE TEXT: JOSHUA 9:1-15

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### EXAMINE IT THOROUGHLY:

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### APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE:

How will you live differently today because of what you just read?

### PRAY THROUGH IT:

Write a prayer asking God to to shape your life and your heart.

# RESOURCES

## ENDURING WORD BIBLE COMMENTARY

The Enduring Word is a free commentary that takes you verse-by-verse through the bible and provides insights, explanations, and helpful quotes from theologians and teachers in every passage of scripture.

**enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-1/**

## ESV STUDY BIBLE

A good study bible is filled with helpful explanations or references on nearly every page for most major verses of scripture. Some great study bibles include the ESV Study Bible, NIV Study Bible, or the She Reads Truth Study Bible. You can find an ESV Study Bible in our Rise Bookstore.

## THE BIBLE PROJECT

The Bible Project has built an app centered around a reading journey that equips you with the skills to see the larger story of the Bible every time you read. It's packed with helpful videos, teaches you to develop bible reading skills, and even has classes. This is great for visual learners.

**bibleproject.com/explore/video/joshua/**

## AUDIO BIBLES

The two very best audio bible apps in existence are **Dwell** and **Streetlights**. Dwell has many different translations along with various voices all packed into a beautifully designed app. Streetlights is the NLT translation read by spoken word artists with music tracks added—it's absolutely brilliantly executed.

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