

Greetings Champion!

Joshua, the great Military General and leader, after the supernatural crossing of the Jordan River, after the supernatural encounter with the “Captain of the Lord’s Host,” (none other than the Lord Himself, Joshua 5:13 thru 6:2), and after the mighty impenetrable fortress walls of Jericho came crashing down with a shout, came to the little city of Ai.

At the city of Ai, Joshua’s army was defeated and the mighty, fearless leader, Joshua, *cried* and *complained* like a baby (Joshua 7:1-12).

Joshua 7:6-7, Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell facedown to the ground before the ark of the LORD, remaining there till evening. The elders of Israel did the same, and sprinkled dust on their heads. And Joshua said, “Ah, Sovereign LORD, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!”

It’s a natural tendency to *cry* and *complain* when things don’t go our way, or if we suffer loss. The key to victory is, “Don’t stay in that crying and complaining state.”

Joshua’s army was defeated because one of the soldiers disobeyed both Joshua and God’s orders and sinned by stealing some of the goods that was to be devoted to destruction. God spoke to Joshua like He did to Moses and basically said the same thing. “*Shut up and get up! You suffered loss because there is sin in the camp; deal with it and get back to being a conqueror*” (Joshua 7:10-11).

Joshua 7:10-11, The LORD said to Joshua, “Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? 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.”

Joshua soon got this situation squared away and went on to possess the entire Promised Land. God has a Promised Land for you and all you need to possess that land is some information.

“Through knowledge shall the just be delivered” (Proverbs 11:9).

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