

Defeat Sandwiched between Victories

Joshua 6-8

We must be on the Lord's side

Josh 6:1 - The people of Jericho did everything _____ possible to prevent defeat. Their ancestors built a system of _____ that seemed impenetrable at the time. They _____ shut up the city, not allowing people to come in or go out

Ps 127:1 *Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.* NKJV

2 Chron 15:2 *And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.* NKJV

Josh 7:10-12 - When one person sins innocent people often _____. The group isn't responsible for the sin, but they are responsible for _____ with the sin. (See 1 Cor 5)

God is a God of reassurances

Josh 6:2 - Before the first battle began, God _____ Joshua of victory. He also did that before they crossed the Jordan River.

Josh 8:1-2 - Before the rematch with Ai, God reassured Joshua by _____ him that they would defeat Ai this time.

Judg 7:9-11 - Immediately before Gideon's battle, God gave him _____ by allowing him to eavesdrop on the enemy's conversation.

John 14:1-3 *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."* NKJV

_____ His death, Jesus promised His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them and then come back to get them.

John 14:15 *If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.* NKJV

John 14:25-27 *These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.* NKJV

John 16:31-33 *Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with*

Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." NKJV

God reassured the apostles by promising to send them the Holy Spirit to help and _____ them.
God reassured the apostles by promising to give them _____ and by telling them that He has _____ the world.

There are no expiration dates on God's promises

Josh 6:26;

1 Kings 16:34 *In his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun. NKJV*

Over 500 years after Joshua cursed the one who rebuilt Jericho, Hiel rebuilt the city and _____ the price.

It was over 400 years from the time God promised Abraham the land until Joshua conquered it.

2 Peter 3:1-9 *3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. NKJV*

The Lord _____ His promises!

Confession does not erase consequences

Josh 7:19-25 - Even though Achan confessed his sin before the people, he was _____ executed. There is also a lesson to be learned from God's decision to destroy the people of the land of Canaan. Their sin had finally reached a point where there were no additional chances.

Heb 12:14-17 *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. NKJV*

Tears and diligence could not undo the _____ of Esau selling his birthright.

Reminders are important

Josh 7:26; Josh 8:28-29 - In addition to the memorial of the 12 stones, Joshua is going to _____ the land with reminders to motivate them to trust and obey God.