

# Understanding Defeat

## **Joshua 7:19-21**

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<sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to Achan, “My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me.”

<sup>20</sup> Achan replied, “It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: <sup>21</sup> When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia,<sup>[a]</sup> two hundred shekels<sup>[b]</sup> of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels,<sup>[c]</sup> I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”

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1) Surprising and strange defeats can always be traced back to secret sins Psalms 139:23-24

2) Very private sin can lead to public consequences Hebrews 12:15, Joshua 7:18-19

3) Temptations, lies, blinds us to reality and deafens us to the consequences Joshua 7:21

4) Sweeping acts of disobedience(sin) calls for severe punishment Joshua 7:25

When we face defeat, we must face the sin that holds us back from following God, then and only then will defeat become a thing of the past. Yet we must not confuse times of testing with defeat. When we follow God and realize the truth, we will never again taste true defeat!  
Romans 8:31, Psalms 118:5-6

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