

Hidden Sins, Revealed Fear

The "Not Afraid!" Series

Joshua 7

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"But Israel violated the instructions about the things set apart for the Lord. A man named Achan had stolen some of these dedicated things, so the Lord was very angry with the Israelites." Joshua 7:1

The Heart of the Matter

Sin never affects just the perpetrator. When there is "*sin in the camp*", the whole camp is affected and the door to fear is opened. God's all-seeing eye never allows us to sin freely. He desires that we make it right with him, move forward and continue in victory.

Unconfessed Sin Breeds Two Types of Fear:

1. The Fear of the Unknown.

*"The Israelites were **paralyzed with fear** at this turn of events, and their courage melted away." Vs. 5b*

2. The Fear of the Unconfessed.

"Then Joshua said to Achan, 'My son, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, by telling the truth. Make your confession and tell me what you have done. Don't hide it from me.' Achan replied, 'It is true! I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel. Among the plunder I saw a beautiful robe from Babylon, 200 silver coins, and a bar of gold weighing more than a pound. I wanted them so much that I took them. They are hidden in the ground beneath my tent, with the silver buried deeper than the rest.'" Vv. 19-21