



Joshua: Are We There Yet? | Bouncing Back | Joshua 8

1. When you've made a mistake how do you usually respond? Why do you think we are so often intolerant of making mistakes in ourselves/in others? What are some of the emotions we can feel when we have messed up? How do you bounce back?
2. How do you think Joshua was feeling after the defeat at Ai? What insights does Joshua 8:1 give us into how God views Joshua's past failure? What encouragement do you take from this verse?
3. Have a look at Isaiah 43:25, Psalm 103:11-13 what encouragement do these verses bring for someone who finds it hard to move on from sin and mistakes of the past. How can this help us when memories trouble us?
4. How does Joshua respond to God's words in v1? V3 How hard do you think it was for Joshua to attack Ai for a second time? What can we learn from his obedience in this situation?
5. What leadership qualities can we learn from Joshua in this chapter and how can we follow his example in our specific sphere of influence whatever that may be?
6. V18-26 What do you make of these fighting tactics? Who is winning the battle? Why is it so important for Joshua to understand this principle? Compare Moses in Exodus 17. When you are in the heart of a life battle or wrestle how do you cope? What does 'holding out the javelin' possibly look like for us today?
7. V28 & 29 What is the significance of this pile of rocks, see also ch 7:26. How do we move on from our failures and mistakes? Are we always to have a constant reminder of where we messed up? Can they be helpful? What about within church life, are there times when it's not right to reinstate someone who has failed? Why/why not?
8. V30-35 What place does God's Word have in the story of Joshua? Why do you think he takes the people on a hike to Mount Abal? How should we respond when God gives us victory over sin in our own lives? What does this teach us about handling the battles we face as we seek to follow Jesus each day?
9. What one thing can you do this week to spend more time reading God's word and listening to God? What step can you take to renew your commitment to obey God this week? Use 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 to encourage you and lead you into prayer.