

Glenville New Life Community Church

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Life-Sharing & Pioneers

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Life-Sharing Lesson 1 Getting Back On Track' "What's Got My Eye"
Joshua 6:15-25 & 7:1-8:1

1. Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "What I see with my eyes does not really bother me later on."

Joshua 6:15-25 Today's New International Version (TNIV)

¹⁵ On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. ¹⁶ The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! ¹⁷ The city and all that is in it are to be devoted^[a] to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. ¹⁸ But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. ¹⁹ All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury."

²⁰ When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. ²¹ They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

²² Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her." ²³ So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

²⁴ Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house. ²⁵ But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho —and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

2. Why do you think God insisted that nothing was to be kept by the Israelites from Jericho and that everything was to go into the treasury?

Joshua 7:1 Today's New International Version (TNIV) Achan's Sin

7 But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things^[a]; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri,^[b] the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel.

3. Do you think Achan had any idea that God knew he had taken some of the items? Why do we often treat our unknown sin as something that God did not see?

4. In chapter 7, we discover that 36 men were killed in battle and that the army fled from a small city called Ai. The people went into fear and were ready to give up taking the promised land. Do you think Achan had factored this into his choice to steal the items? Who was Achan stealing the items from?

Joshua 7:10-15 Today's New International Version (TNIV)

¹⁰ The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? ¹¹ 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. ¹² That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.

¹³ "Go, consecrate the people. Tell them, 'Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow; for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There are devoted things among you, Israel. You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove them.'

¹⁴ ““In the morning, present yourselves tribe by tribe. The tribe the LORD chooses shall come forward clan by clan; the clan the LORD chooses shall come forward family by family; and the family the LORD chooses shall come forward man by man. ¹⁵ Whoever is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the LORD and has done an outrageous thing in Israel!””

5. Although it was Achan that sinned, God keeps saying Israel has sinned. Do you think God would keep a church from moving forward, because of the sin of one or two of its members today? (Why or why not)?

6. Do you think our sin hinders our spiritual growth in the Lord as individuals?

7. Why do you think God is so angry at Achan’s behavior?

Joshua 7:16-23 Today's New International Version (TNIV)

¹⁶ Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was chosen. ¹⁷ The clans of Judah came forward, and the Zerahites were chosen. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was chosen. ¹⁸ Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was chosen.

¹⁹ 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.”

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

²² So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. ²³ They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

8. Is Achan’s response to God a “confession of sin” or an “admission of guilt”? What is the difference between the two.

9. Do you think Achan went into battle planning to steal something from the plunder or do you think he spent too much time looking at the items? What do you think it means to covet something?

10. There was a three step process to Achan’s sin. 1) I looked, 2) I coveted, and 3) I took. Is this the pattern that gets us into trouble? How can we break the cycle?

Matthew 6:22-23 Today's New International Version (TNIV)

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[a] your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[b] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

11. Jesus warns us about what we allow to enter through our eyes. What do you think Jesus means in the verse above about unhealthy eyes?

12. Is it possible to sin today in the body of Christ without affecting other believers in the body? Why or Why not?

13. Why do you think Achan didn't just come clean when he first heard God had said there was sin in the camp?

14. What keeps us from coming clean with our sin?

Life-Sharing Lesson 2 Getting Back On Track “ How Did I Mess Up”

2 Samuel 11:1-27

1. When was a time you tried to keep something quiet only to have it explode on a bigger level right before your eyes?

2. What makes us think, that though others have failed, we can do a particular sin and get away with it?

2 Samuel 11:1-5 (NIV)

¹ In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

² One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,

³ and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (She had purified herself from her uncleanness.) Then she went back home.

⁵ The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

3. We often get into trouble by being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Where should David have been?

4. Was Bathsheba responsible in any way for this one night stand in which she got off track for her life?

5. At what points did God make a way for David to escape this temptation which would have put him back on track?

6. How do two people who love the Lord, find themselves in the places of David & Bathsheba.

7. What do you think David is primarily concerned about when he gets the news, "I am pregnant?"

2 Samuel 11:6-13 (NIV)

⁶ So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David.

⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going.

⁸ Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him.

⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

¹⁰ When David was told, "Uriah did not go home," he asked him, "Haven't you just come from a distance? Why didn't you go home?"

¹¹ Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open fields. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and lie with my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

¹² Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.

¹³ At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

8. Do you think David's plan up to this point was a good plan? Why or Why not?

9. Do you think Uriah is suspicious of what may be going on? Why or why not?

10. How do you think David felt when Uriah spoke of his solidarity with David's troops and would not enjoy himself until all the troops could enjoy themselves?

2 Samuel 11:14-17 (NIV)

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah.

¹⁵ In it he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

¹⁶ So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were.

¹⁷ When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died.

11. Do you think prior to this event that David would have thought himself capable of murdering a man after seducing the man's wife? Why or why not?

12. What does David hope to accomplish by this outlandish scheme and why will it probably not work to get him back on track?

13. Why should we not be shocked when believers fall into various serious kinds of sin?

14. Why does Uriah deliver his own death warrant to Joab the commander?

15. Uriah the Hittite was among David's top 30 Men (2 Samuel 23:39). How does this make what David did even worse?

16. How do we get so far off track from the Lord?

Life-Sharing Lesson 3 Getting Back On Track

“How Do I Come Back” John 13:36-38, 18:25-27, 21:1-17

1. What does it take to get back on track with a person you may have betrayed?

John 13:36-38 (NIV) ³⁶ Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

³⁷ Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

³⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

2. Was Peter really willing to lay down his life for Jesus to stay on track?

Luke 22:54-62 (NIV)

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

⁶⁰ Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

3. Why does Peter seem to deny Jesus so freely at this point?

4. When we are not on track, how do we deny Jesus?

John 21:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way:

² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught."

¹¹ Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

5. Why do you think Peter was so eager to get to Jesus first, by jumping out of the boat and wading to shore?

6. If you had of been Peter having denied Jesus 3 times, would you have wanted to have gotten to Jesus before the others arrived so that it was just the two of you alone. Why or why not?

7. How do we see Peter trying to get back on track in this passage of Scripture?

John 21:15-19 (NIV)

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

8. Why does Jesus ask Peter these questions about loving Him?

9. Why does Peter get hurt over being asked a third time about his love for Jesus?

10. When did Peter make the first step of getting back on track in his relationship to God after his initial denials?

11. Why is repentance a necessary act on our part to getting back on track?

Psalm 51 is believed to have been written by David after his sin with Bathsheba and Uriah after the Lord had revealed what David had done.

Psalm 51:15-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

12. Why is it unhealthy to try to work harder as a Christian to make up for our moral failures into sin according to verse 16.

13. What does it look like to come to God with a broken spirit and a contrite heart?

14. Why does God not despise a broken and contrite heart?

15. Why does trying to cover up our sin keep us from fully getting back on track whereas confession allows for a true fresh start?

16. When is the best time to get back on track?