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|  | **LightHouse Ranch****Bible Study**  |

***Get Thee Up***

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**Get Thee Up**

**Jesus commands not only seek, but also find, but then Do – (All Three - Obedience). Today Joshua is going to seek the LORD – What is the LORD going to tell Joshua? Get up and do! Seeking the LORD is not enough to win the battle – Obedience is the key**

**Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Matthew 7:1** Judge not, that ye be not judged. (Also – After the man born blind is healed John 7:21-24)
**Matthew 7:2** For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
**Matthew 7:3** And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
**Matthew 7:4** Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye?
**Matthew 7:5** Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.
**Matthew 7:6** Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.
**Matthew 7:7** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
**Matthew 7:8** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

**But one has to go through the open door**
**Matthew 7:9** Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
**Matthew 7:10** Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
**Matthew 7:11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?
**Matthew 7:12** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
**Matthew 7:13** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at:
**Matthew 7:14** Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
**Matthew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
**Matthew 7:16** Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
**Matthew 7:17** Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
**Matthew 7:18** A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
**Matthew 7:19** Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
**Matthew 7:20** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

**Not everyone that sayeth LORD, LORD will enter the Kingdom – Who will?**
**Matthew 7:21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
**Matthew 7:22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
**Matthew 7:23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
**Matthew 7:24** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

**Matthew 7:25** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.
**Matthew 7:26** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:
**Matthew 7:27** And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.
 **You may remember last week we found that the LORD rewards obedience. The LORD had prepared everyone including Joshua, the people, the officers of the people, the priests, and even Jericho for the battle. The LORD demands obedience to those who have heard His Word and we shall see this very vividly today as the people suffer a great defeat because someone disobeyed God.**

**I. God’s Word on the Battle at Jericho**

**Joshua 6:1** Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

**The LORD speaks to Joshua****Joshua 6:2** And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.
**Joshua 6:3** And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.
**Joshua 6:4** And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.
**Joshua 6:5** And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

**Joshua speaks to the priests**

**Joshua 6:6** And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

**Joshua speaks to the people**
**Joshua 6:7** And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD.

**Did everyone obey? So far so good?**
**Joshua 6:8** And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.
**Joshua 6:9** And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.
**Joshua 6:10** And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.
**Joshua 6:11** So the ark of the LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.
**Joshua 6:12** And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.
**Joshua 6:13** And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.
**Joshua 6:14** And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

**Joshua 6:15** And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.
**Joshua 6:16** And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

**Keep yourselves from the accursed thing**

**Joshua 6:17** And the city shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

**Joshua 6:18** And ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.
**Joshua 6:19** But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

**The city was taken**
**Joshua 6:20** So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.
**Joshua 6:21** And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.
**Joshua 6:22** But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her.
**Joshua 6:23** And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.
**Joshua 6:24** And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.
**Joshua 6:25** And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

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**II.** **Disobedience by Achan – Remember** Joshua 6:18

**Joshua 7:1** But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.
**Joshua 7:2** And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

**Israel’s army suffers defeat**
**Joshua 7:3** And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.
**Joshua 7:4** So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.
**Joshua 7:5** And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

**Joshua seeks God**
**Joshua 7:6** And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads.
**Joshua 7:7** And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan!
**Joshua 7:8** O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!
**Joshua 7:9** For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

**The LORD speaks to Joshua – What does the LORD expect from Joshua?**
**Joshua 7:10** And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?
**Joshua 7:11** Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff.
**Joshua 7:12** Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.
**Joshua 7:13** Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.
**Joshua 7:14** In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.
**Joshua 7:15** And it shall be, *that* he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

When the person has heard from God - take action immediately

**III. Joshua rose up early to obey**
**Joshua 7:16** So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

**Family, Household, and Tribe**

**Joshua 7:17** And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:
**Joshua 7:18** And he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

**Joshua confronts Achan****Joshua 7:19** And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me.
**Joshua 7:20** And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:
**Joshua 7:21** When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

**Joshua inspects Achan’s tent**
**Joshua 7:22** So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it.

**Joshua 7:23** And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD.
**Joshua 7:24** And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.
**Joshua 7:25** And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.
**Joshua 7:26** And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

**IV.** **Arise Go up to Ai**

**Joshua 8:1** And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land:
**Joshua 8:2** And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: lay thee an ambush for the city behind it.

**So Joshua arose and all the people – To obey**
**Joshua 8:3** So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

**The Battle Plans** **for Ai**
**Joshua 8:4** And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:
**Joshua 8:5** And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them,
**Joshua 8:6** (For they will come out after us) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.
**Joshua 8:7** Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.
**Joshua 8:8** And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

**V. The Battle Plan Executed**
**Joshua 8:9** Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.
**Joshua 8:10** And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.
**Joshua 8:11** And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.
**Joshua 8:12** And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city.
**Joshua 8:13** And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

**Ai is ready**
**Joshua 8:14** And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.

**Israel plays as if they are losing**
**Joshua 8:15** And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

**Ai pursues Israel**
**Joshua 8:16** And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.
**Joshua 8:17** And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.
**Joshua stretches out his spear**

**Joshua 8:18** And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.
**Joshua 8:19** And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.
**Joshua 8:20** And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.
**Joshua 8:21** And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.
**Joshua 8:22** And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain or escape.

**They took the King of Ai alive**
**Joshua 8:23** And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.
**Joshua 8:24** And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.
**Joshua 8:25** And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.

**VI.** **Joshua Extends his Spear until the Battle is Over**
**Joshua 8:26** For Joshua drew not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.
**Joshua 8:27** Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.
**Joshua 8:28** And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day.

**The King of Ai is hanged**
**Joshua 8:29** And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.
**Joshua 8:30** Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,
**Joshua 8:31** As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

**Make copies of the Word**
**Joshua 8:32** And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

**Joshua 8:33** And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

**VII. All the Word was Read to All – Not only promises - Blessings and the curses**
**Joshua 8:34** And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.
**Joshua 8:35** There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.