

The Right Thing, The Wrong Way Pt3

JOSHUA 7:2-5

2. And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.
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.
4. So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.
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.

ADOPTION PT1 [60-0515E]

Just think, to fight an entire campaign without losing a man, without even getting a scratch, **without having to have a nurse, or a first aid or a Band-Aid**. God said, "The land's yours; go fight." Think of fighting a campaign, and there's **no Red Cross around at all**; there's nobody going to get hurt.

JOSHUA 7:6-12

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.
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!**
8. O Lord, what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies!
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?
10. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?
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.
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 7:19-26

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.*
20. *And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:*
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.*
22. *So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it.*
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.*
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.*
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.*
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.*

PRESUMING [62-0117]

Achan thought, "This little old wedge, it won't make any difference." "The rest of the ladies are cutting their hair. I'll do the same thing. It won't make any difference." But what did it do? **It never brought pleasure to his family. It brought death to every one of them.**

ACTS 5:1-11

1. *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,*
2. *And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*
3. *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?*
4. *Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? **thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God**.*
5. *And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.*

6. *And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.*
7. *And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.*
8. *And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.*
9. *Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.*
10. *Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.*
11. *And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY [53-1201]

Scared them so bad they had a heart attack and died. They pack--packed them out and buried them. Amen. That same God lives today. That same program is God's program for today.