

Joshua Series: *Realizing Your Promise*

Week 9: "Overcoming Defeat"

Text: Joshua 8

Week 9 Study Questions: "Overcoming Defeat" – Joshua 8

We've spent several weeks together in Joshua chapters 6-8, so this week you'll find that the study questions are more "reflective" in nature. Please spend some time answering as best as you are able, talking through your answers with your Father God who loves you best and most!

I. Remember God's **Presence**.

II. **Face** your "Ai."

III. Hold fast to the **Word**.

IV. Continue to **Pray**.

- 1) *Who are some Biblical characters who received undeserved second chances from God?*
- 2) *What is the difference between being a "product of the past" and a "prisoner of the past?"*
- 3) *What's one life lesson you had to find out the hard way?*
- 4) *In Joshua 8, how does God show He is with Joshua as He was with Moses?*
- 5) *What are some of the ways this passage highlights Joshua's full obedience to God?*
- 6) *What are some of the ways the text in Joshua 8:1-29 highlights the connections back to Achan and Joshua 7?*
- 7) *What aspect of trusting God with what He is calling us to do stuck out to you?*
- 8) *When you sin do you tend to ignore, hide, excuse it, or just feel bad about it? Do you find it difficult to confess to God?*
- 9) *How often do you think about the promises of God? Which of God's promises do you rejoice the most in?*
- 10) *What's one area you used to find hard to obey God in that you don't now? How might that experience of growing in obedience help you in an area you are struggling to be obedient in now?*

Cross-References

Psalms 119:67 – *Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.*

Psalms 119:71 – *It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.*

Deuteronomy 31:8 – *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*