

EMBRACING CHANGE
"Victory Sweet Victory"
Joshua 8

1. **QUESTION:** What happens when you fail miserably!!!!

- a) Do you **quit**?
- b) Do you **walk away**?
- c) Does **God give up on you**?

2. **QUESTION:** Have you ever failed so miserably and humiliated yourself?

- a) What do you do in the midst of failure?
 - 1) What do you do when you fail?
 - 2) How do people treat you when you've blown it in a big way?

SOME THINGS I WANT GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW

I. A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1. **Joshua 8:1a**

- a) *"Do not fear and do not be dismayed"*

2. **Joshua 7:6-9** (again)

3. **Joshua 7:10-13**

- a) **Vs 10**
 - 1) *"Get up"*
 - 2) *"consecrate"*

4. **Proverbs 28:13**

5. **THERE IS COMPASSION IN OUR GOD!!!**

6. If you want God's blessing, compassion, and leadership in your life!!!!

- You have got to deal with your sin.

7. **REMEMBER THIS:** *The only thing we can do about our sin is confess it!!!*

II. SECONDLY - THERE IS A WORD OF INSTRUCTION

1. **Vs 1b**

2. **WOW!!!** When I have failed miserably...I need a **WORD OF INSTRUCTION**.

a) When my **finances** are failing, I need a word of Instruction.

b) When my **family** is failing, I need a word of Instruction.

c) When my **church** is failing, I need a word of Instruction.

d) When my **life** is failing, I need a word of Instruction.

3. **PLEASE TELL ME WHAT TO DO GOD!!!!**

III. A WORD OF ASSURANCE

A. **STAY CLEAN BEFORE THE LORD**

1. **7:13**

2. Before we can do anything for God we must first be clean.

B. **STAY CLOSE TO THE LORD**

1. We need to first be **CLEAN**, and then we must stay **CLOSE**.

2. When I'm **NOT CLOSE**, it's because I'm **NOT CLEAN**.

3. *James 4:8*

C. **THEN COMES CLARITY FROM THE LORD**

1. Staying **CLOSE** to the Lord brings **CLARITY** to the mission.

2. **NOW NOTICE THE DETAIL** (Not every battle plan is the same)

a) **Vs 3-4**

1) 30,000 men behind the city.

b) **Vs 5-10**

1) Joshua and his group were the bait

c) **Vs 11-12**

1) 5000 men in ambush

3. Notice the detail of this battle.

4. **NOTICE THIS:** If you don't obey God the first time, the second time will be more difficult.

5. **ANOTHER LESSON IS THIS:** The methods may change but the message never does.

6. Vs 13-29

7. **PLEASE SEE THIS AGAIN:** 7:1-4

a) No prayer

b) No fasting

c) No seeking direction from God!!!

8. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Staying close to the Lord keeps us from un-necessary pain in our lives.

9. WHEN WE HAVE TO DO THINGS A SECOND TIME BECAUSE WE DON'T LISTEN THE FIRST TIME!!!! *It is always more costly!!!* (Time and money)

CONCLUSION:

1. Vs 2

a) When we wait on God we will experience the blessing of God!!!