

Stop Playing Games with God

Joshua 7 (NIV)

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But the Israelites were unfaithful in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Karmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel. Joshua 7:1 (NIV)

Three things we can do right now to stop playing games with God:

1. Let go of the past and focus on God.

When they returned to Joshua, they said, "Not all the army will have to go up against Ai. Send two or three thousand men to take it and do not weary the whole army, for only a few people live there." Joshua 7:3

So about three thousand went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, who killed about thirty-six of them. Joshua 7:4-5

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

2. Stop being sorry and submit to God.

⁷And Joshua said, "Alas, Sovereign LORD, why did you ever bring this people across the Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan! Joshua 7:7

¹⁰The LORD said to Joshua, "Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? ¹¹Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. Joshua 7:10

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

3. Monopolize on Jesus, and nothing else.

Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and honor him. Joshua 7:19

Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. Joshua 7:20

God isn't late with His promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining Himself on account of you, holding back the end because He doesn't want anyone lost. 2 Peter 3:9 (MSG)

Why should I do this?

- Because It's going to affect more than you. (Joshua 7:25)
- Because what's done in the dark is going to come to The Light. (Luke 8:17)
- Because you can't win this battle by yourself. (2 Chron. 20:15)
- Because GOD has proven that HE loves you and knows what's best for you. (John 3:16)