



Joshua

Part #10 –
Second Wind

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- 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 8:1
- 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. – Joshua 8:2
- 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. – Joshua 8:3



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- 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 8:4
- (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 8:6
- 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 8:7



Keys

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. – Joshua 8:8

- Fear not, neither be thou dismayed
- Take all the people of war with thee
- So Joshua arose.
- But be ye all ready
- See, I have commanded you
- Hasted and set...



In this lesson

- Failures
- Fears
- Fortitude



Failures

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 7:7

- The second guess of failure
- The scent of the past failures
- The season to uproot doubt
- The calculus of failure
- The grace of failure



Fears

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- There are over 144 verses in the bible with the phrase fear not
- The uncertainty of tomorrow
- The Lord had to say that to Joshua, because that was what he was experiencing

*Failure will never overtake me because my determination to succeed is strong enough –
George Clason*



Fortitude

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- Their covenant was still in force - Reconciliation, Redemption and Restoration
- It was surprising he did not say “All the men of war” but All the people of war
- See, I have given into thine hand:
 - The King of Ai
 - The People
 - The city
 - The land



Fortitude – Cont'd

- You can't take the land until you have captured the stronghold
- You can't take the land until you have taken their king
- You can't take the land until you have taken the people of the land



Fortitude – Cont'd

- We are going with 30,000 – that is 10x what was needed the first time
- We are going to win – Fleeing has now become a strategy
- We will get them where we lost to them
- We are going in when they are at ease and sleeping
- We are going to wait for the opportunity – we set up while they sleep
- We make our best preparation now while they sleep – We move when they doze
- We are not taking the city when we see the city, but when they do not see us coming
- We are ahead because we have heard – See, I have given into thine hand – You must see it in your hand
- It is in thine hand, but it must be of thine hand – You mind must see it in your hand



Fortitude – Cont'd

- See is attached to 4 things
- The king is yours to take
- The people are yours to conquer
- The city – where the stronghold is a weak hold now
- The land is yours
- By the way, I the Lord of Host has said so!



Fortitude – Cont'd

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 8:4

- Lie in wait
- Be poised to enter
- Keep your eyes on it, come in from a place of advantage
- You've got to see the best approach and the best way in
- Stay on it, keep you mind on the subject, about it and on it
- Do not be fat from your purpose, keep it in your purview
- Be ready to enter
- They hasted through to take the land



Fortitude – Cont'd

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Never forget:

- That the Lord your God is the One who goes before you and shall be with you
- That the Lord your God is making the move, delivering the city into your hand
- Your obedience is necessary to take all aspects of your land

It is amazing how little we think about the measureless and matchless support of the Lord walking with you both to will and to do of His good pleasure



Fortitude – Cont'd

- You are moving in the direction of His instruction, but He is undertaking as He has said to you
- We can't go where we have not been in our minds
- He will act in response to our faith
- He will complete what He has started
- He is awaiting your response of faith and your obedience to His command

Oh! to think through how much we forfeit because we are sightless, faithless, unbelieving and fleshly in our minds



Conclusion

From the pages of Joshua

- Me must move forward by faith despite the magnitude of the fears that surround us



Next Week

We will continue next week, beginning with:

- The sun stands still