

11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

Topic: How To Avoid Self-Inflicted Wounds Chapters: Joshua 7 - 8 Jan. 11th, 2023

Central Text: Joshua 7:10-11, NKJV, 10 So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? 11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff.

Intro

How to avoid self-inflicted wounds?

1.Seek God Before Fighting, Because Unapproved Fights Cause Casualties - Joshua 7:1-5

Question for Dialogue - Have you ever fought a battle God didn't lead you to fight and had to deal with consequences as a result? If so, if it's not too sensitive to share, what was it?

2. Take Grief After Defeats To God, and Obey The Next Steps He Gives Us - Joshua 7:6-26

Question for Dialogue - Not many of us have an issue with taking our griefs to God when we're heart broken, but many of us struggle to obey the next steps God gives us after the grief or defeat. What are some ways a spiritually weak person can obey God's next steps after taking their grief or defeats to Him?

3.Employ A Strategy For Every Spiritual Battle By Thinking Several Steps Ahead - Joshua 8:1-29

Question for Dialogue - What's your spiritual strategy? How do you anticipate the enemy's moves or attacks against you?

4.Daily Review And Renew God's Covenant with Us - Joshua 8:30-35

Question for Dialogue - Since the Holy Spirit convicts us when we do wrong, believers fully committed to God never want to be convicted twice for the same offense, because the conviction severely hurts and grieves us. What does it say about someone who says they're a believer, but who can repeatedly commit the same offense without any remorse or hint of conviction from God?