

Power for Living
Joshua 7:1-26

1. God will restore your lost power to live for Him when you _____ what you have _____. (vv. 1-9)

They could keep on “going through the motions” as if _____ had changed.

They could admit before everyone that _____ was definitely wrong and go to God.

We have exactly the _____ when we sin in our lives today.

Regardless of how it happens, you can't find out _____ wrong until you admit that something _____ wrong.

2. God will restore your lost power to live for Him when you _____ where you _____ it. (vv. 10-21)

God _____ to meet us when we pray a prayer of confession and repentance.

God, our Heavenly Father, is patient and persistent. These issues will _____ go away.

God is a _____. He will never force us to return. We must return freely and from pure motives.

Nor can He be _____. If we pretend to love Him just to make things work out right, He knows

We must come to the place where we _____ with Him and His view of our sin.

3. God will restore your lost power to live for Him when you _____ your part in its _____. (vv. 22-26)

He has already done _____ of it for us, by giving His only Son to die for us.

Where we have wronged or offended someone or some group, we must _____ their forgiveness.

When the sin was removed, God _____ His fellowship and power to the people.

Calvary Connection Group

Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 1, 2023

Getting to Know Me

- Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, which one(s) and how did you learn?
- What is your favorite place to visit in Arizona? Why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- 1 John 1:8-10 are important for us to understand as a starting place in our discussion of sin in our lives. Verse 9 is the promise of forgiveness and a great comfort to us. But Verses 8 and 10 tell us something about ourselves and sin. How is v. 8 different from v. 10? Compare and contrast. What do these two verses tell us about pretending that we're not sinners, even as Christians? (Compare Rom. 3:23)

- Have you ever been trapped in a cycle of sin? Ever struggled with a besetting sin? Most, if not all, of us have. We get to the point that we don't want to confess again, because we think God must be tired of hearing from us and disgusted with us for our repeated sin. But is that how God really feels? How many times does Jesus tell us to forgive in Matt. 18:22? Do you think God will do less? Read the parables in Luke 15 (The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and The Lost [Prodigal] Son). These three parables unite to tell us one thing about God in different ways. How does God get His joy? Why is there rejoicing in heaven? How does that apply to our struggle with sin?

- Josh. 7:26 says that there is a pile of stones on the site of Achan's stoning and that the place has been called the Valley of Achor (i.e. trouble) "to this day," meaning the day that Joshua wrote that account. Why was it so important to remember what had been done there? How is that analogous to the way we think about our own dealings with sin as Christians?

Application

- The Bible tells us to confess our sins to one another (James 5:16). Without going into undue detail or naming names, tell about a time when you had to confess, repent and make restitution for something you have done, or when someone else had to do those things toward you for something they'd done to you. How did that feel? What did you learn?

- Joshua and the Hebrews had their power to live for God restored after Achan's punishment. How have you experienced the "power for living" that comes with genuine confession, repentance and restitution?