

Count Me In! Joshua 7:10-26 Vision Sunday 2003 March 9, 2003

Joshua gathered an army in order to <u>divide</u> and <u>conquer</u> the Promised Land.

The Promised Land we are entitled to is to know <u>God personally</u>______and love Him. Matt 22:37-40.

The ROCK Church exists to lead people into a <u>life changing</u> and <u>productive</u> relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Today in San Diego County, there are _2.6 million____people, __15,000____do not have homes, ___6200____children are abused each year, __55___people die each day, there are 7000____children in foster care, _15%____ of the people live below the poverty line and ___11,000_____people are admitted for drug and alcohol treatment each year.

Like Joshua, we have territory to conquer and divide.

All of these people need a chance to experience the Love of God

In next three years we need to prepare for the increased ministry potential that our <u>permanent</u> home will give us.

Therefore, in 2003 we need the following: Stephens Ministers, Small Group and Youth Ministry volunteers, Ushers, Greeters, Parking Lot volunteers, Baby Rock lay-led ministries, etc.

Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Confronting sin requires courage and strength.

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NATURE OF THE SIN - Joshua 7:10-26

1. Stealing–<u>Taking</u> something that is not yours.

2. Lying – <u>Achan</u> acted as though he did not take what he took.

3. They claimed items as their own. The stolen item does not

belong to anyone else; it is <u>mine</u> to use any way I want. Examples:

- <u>Gifts</u> and talents
- Experience and <u>knowledge</u>
- Materials and <u>money</u>
- Time and <u>energy</u>

CONSEQUENCES - Israel could not stand before enemies. Joshua 7:12 How does the sin of one person affect the entire group? It...

- Causes <u>division</u> in the family
- <u>Separates</u> the best of friends
- Places unfair <u>burden</u> on others
- <u>Diminishes</u>___trust
- Gives <u>God</u> a bad name
- Brings <u>death</u> to the dream

What have you done to hinder your ability to be the most effective soldier for the Lord?

SOLUTION – Repent - Joshua 7:19-21

1. Confess – <u>Admit</u> it is wrong. It will glorify God.

2. Admit your motive. Why did you do what you did?

3. Repent and <u>return</u> the stolen items back under God's control.

2 Chron 7:14-15 ... if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Once sin is removed, blessings flow. (Josh 8:1)