

When God Sees Through Us

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AGAIN & AGAIN

WARM UP

Share a high and a low from the last week.

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

GraceKIDS Choir Musical Sunday, March 17, 4:00 p.m., MC Multipurpose Room

Men's Madness Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Family Center

Haiti Short-Term Trip July 27–August 3, Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. Call Brandi Frazer (614-257-8091) for more information or visit GracePolaris.org/Haiti to apply.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 Read Joshua 7. Have you ever attempted something challenging, only to learn later that you were working against unknown obstacles? How does that relate to the Israelites battle in Ai (7:1–5)?
- 2 “How quickly the tide turns!” What is the irony of the end of Joshua 7:5? Look at verses 2:9, 2:24, and 5:1.
- 3 How would you evaluate Joshua's demeanor and response to God (7:7–9)? Do you consider his response justified? Commendable?
- 4 God doesn't seem to excuse us if we mostly obey...or if most of us obey. He expects complete obedience from all His people. What does this tell us about God's character and the nature of following Him?
- 5 When confronted with his sin, Achan gives an extensive response (7:20,21). What is noteworthy about Achan's specific words? How would you evaluate the appropriateness and integrity of what he said?
- 6 Achan gave a full confession of his sin. We might expect that this would result in a demonstration of God's grace to him, yet God punishes him severely (Joshua 7:25,26). What does this say about God? How do feel about God's actions?
- 7 Israel suffered defeat and Achan's family was punished because of his sin. God endorsed both results. What does this teach us about the effects of our sin and how it impacts those we love?

PRAY

Read Psalm 51 and consider how this chapter can model our response to God when we become aware of our sin. Confess any known sin. Pray that God would take His divine “flashlight” through your heart and reveal any hidden sin. Confess it.