# Study Guide & Reflection Questions Joshua 7 – Disobedience Affects the Whole Family

## 📘 STUDY GUIDE

This week’s Summer Surfin’ lesson explores Joshua 7, where disobedience by one man, Achan, leads to devastating consequences for his family and the nation of Israel. After a great victory in Jericho, the Israelites suffer a humiliating defeat at Ai because sin entered the camp. This chapter reminds us that disobedience doesn’t just affect the individual—it affects families, communities, and spiritual success.

### Key Themes:

* Obedience to God
* Family Responsibility
* Consequences of Sin
* Seeking God Before Battles
* Spiritual Accountability

### 1. After the Victory Comes the Test

* God instructed Israel to avoid taking devoted things from Jericho.
* Achan disobeyed and took silver, gold, and a robe—defiling the camp.
* Disobedience brought God’s anger against the whole nation.

### 2. Defeat at Ai

* Joshua sent men without seeking God’s direction.
* Israel was defeated and 36 men died.
* The people were discouraged and fearful.

### 3. God Reveals the Sin

* God tells Joshua that someone has violated the covenant.
* Israel cannot win battles if sin remains in the camp.
* Consecration and repentance are necessary for restoration.

### 4. Judgement and Consequence

* God directs a process to identify the guilty person.
* Achan confesses after being identified by tribe, clan, and family.
* He and his entire household are destroyed to remove the curse.

### 5. Lessons for Today

* Sin impacts more than just the sinner—it impacts families and communities.
* Spiritual leadership requires seeking God before making decisions.
* Obedience brings blessing; disobedience brings consequences.
* God disciplines those He loves to keep the community holy.

## ✏️ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. 1. Why is it important to seek God before making decisions, especially for your family or community?
2. 2. How does Achan’s story challenge you to examine your personal obedience to God?
3. 3. Have you ever seen how one person’s actions affected an entire family or group? What did you learn from that experience?
4. 4. What are some 'devoted things' in your life that may be hindering your spiritual progress?
5. 5. How can you help lead your family or community in repentance, restoration, and obedience to God?
6. 6. What does this passage teach about the seriousness of hidden sin and the importance of accountability?