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### The Incident

But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

Joshua 7:1 ESV

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<sup>10</sup>The Lord said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face?"

<sup>11</sup>Israel has sinned; they have transgressed My covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies."

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"They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you.

<sup>13</sup>Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says the Lord, God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel."

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"You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you."

—Joshua 7:10-13 ESV

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<sup>16</sup>So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken...  
<sup>18</sup>And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. <sup>19</sup>Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the Lord God of Israel and give praise to Him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me."

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<sup>20</sup>And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and this is what I did: <sup>21</sup>when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

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<sup>22</sup>So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath. <sup>23</sup>And they took them out of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the people of Israel. And they laid them down before the Lord.  
<sup>24</sup>And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver and the cloak and the bar of gold, and his sons and daughters and his oxen and donkeys and sheep and his tent and all that he had. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.

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<sup>25</sup>And Joshua said, "Why did you bring trouble on us? The Lord brings trouble on you today." And all Israel stoned him with stones. They burned them with fire and stoned them with stones. <sup>26</sup>And they raised over him a great heap of stones that remains to this day. Then the Lord turned from His burning anger. Therefore, to this day the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor. —Joshua 7:16, 18-26 ESV

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> Every experience of crisis and each casualty in the life of another causes us to examine ourselves and evaluate our own heart's desire.

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—Joshua 7:20-21 ESV

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<sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. —James 1:13-16 ESV

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- What we cover, God uncovers. What we uncover, God covers.

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### Judge Yourself!

But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.  
—1 Corinthians 11:31 ESV

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