

# Joshua

*Possessing the Promise*

*"The Impact of Individual Sin and  
the Importance of Church Discipline"*

**INTRO:** Thanks to God's "weird yet winning" strategy, Israel defeated Jericho. But Israel had failed to obey God's commands with respect to His ban on spoils (6:18). This was a HUGE problem and had to be addressed.

**I. When an individual Believer \_\_\_\_\_ it affects the entire \_\_\_\_\_ (7:1).** Sin, even when hidden, corrupts the life of God's people and hinders its mission.

**II. If a congregation fails to \_\_\_\_\_ an unrepentant sinning Believer, God will discipline the \_\_\_\_\_ (7:2-5).** A Church's response to sin is crucial to its life and mission.

**III. To avoid God's discipline and advance in congregational \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ an unrepentant sinning Believer (7:6-26).** Since the Church is not a political but a *spiritual* nation, She does not practice capital punishment. She is still responsible for dealing with sin.

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Leaders set the tone (Cf. Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 5:1-7).*

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Confession is truth-telling (Cf. James 5:16; 1 John 1:9).*

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Church discipline is mandated for NT churches (Cf. Matthew 18:15-18; Galatians 6:1; 2 Cor. 2:5-11).*