

REGAINING LOST TERRITORY

JOSHUA 8:1-29

1. _____ Biblically with the reason you lost the territory, 7:7-26.

- **Admit** your sin
- **Repent** of your sin
- **Reconciling** with those you hurt through your sin
- **Restitution** to those who suffered loss through your sin

2. _____ the Situation from God's Perspective, not the Enemies, 8:1.

“Now the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.”

A. Your enemy wants you to live in _____.

B. Your God wants you to live by _____.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

3. _____ that failure doesn't have to be fatal if you learn from it, 8:2.

“You shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king; you shall take only its spoil and its cattle as plunder for yourselves. Set an ambush for the city behind it.” (Joshua 8:2)



“The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand.” (Psalm 37:23–24)

“For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity.” (Proverbs 24:16)

“Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”” (Matthew 14:28–31)

4. _____ that regaining lost territory is harder than getting it the first time, 8:1-30.

“and do not give the devil an opportunity.” (Ephesians 4:27)

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.” (2 Corinthians 10:3–6)

Illustration: David battling the Amalekites for his family in the Land of the Philistines---1 Samuel 30.

5. _____ that God is on Your Side, and Wants to Bless You, 8:2.

“Now the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not fear or be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have



given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land.”

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:31–32)

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

6. Don't ever _____ an opportunity to serve or obey God by doing less than your best and total obedience to God.

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father... (23) Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.” (Colossians 3:17, 23–25)

Answers: Deal, See, fear, faith, Realize, Know, Understand, trivialize.