

**IronWorks: FORTITUDE**  
*Strength for the challenges ahead*  
11/4 & 11/9, 2022 – Roger Thompson  
**My Achan Heart – Joshua 7**

**Joshua 7:1 summarizes the chapter:** *But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things.*

- Joshua 6:16-19

*Pride goes before a destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall*  
Proverbs. 16:18

**Pride causes blindness**

- Joshua 7:3
- An unguarded strength is a double weakness. (Oswald Chambers)
- Blindness creates more vulnerability to error

**Sin has consequences far beyond our control**

- Joshua 7:4-5
- We lose all real strength & personal confidence when sinning.

**Sin's consequences create confusion and misdirection**

- Joshua 7:6-9
- Joshua 7:11-12

**Personal application: two toxins halt our advance toward God**

1. EXCUSES we make for ourselves (7:20-21)  
*I saw. . .beautiful cloak/ silver/ gold...coveted & took*
2. SECRETS in our lives (7:21)  
*Hidden underneath*
  - A hidden secret holds power over my life.
  - Psalm 32:1-5

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1) When you hear the word “repent” is your first reflex positive or negative? Do you want to run away, or run toward it? Why?
  
- 2) Why has it become more acceptable to admit a “syndrome,” an “addiction,” or a “personality disorder” than a sin?
  
- 3) Tell of an experience when you really felt the freedom of forgiveness.