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04.12.26 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



BATTLE POINT

We fight fear by fixing our eyes on the God who has already secured the victory.



ACTION STEP

Confess one area of struggle to a trusted believer this week and invite them to pray with you.

ICEBREAKER - Which tendency do you relate to more: celebrating too early or struggling to trust that victory is real?

UNDERSTANDING JERICHO. *IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT HAPPENS IN JOSHUA CHAPTER 6? WALK THROUGH THE STORY TOGETHER.*

- Why do you think God chose such an unusual strategy (marching, trumpets, shouting)?
- What does this chapter teach us about faith and obedience?
- What do we learn about God's power from the fall of Jericho?

UNDERSTANDING AI & ACHAN. *IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT GOES WRONG IN JOSHUA CHAPTER 7?*

- When God says "Israel has sinned," what does that teach us about the corporate nature of sin?
- What do you find most difficult or uncomfortable about Achan's judgment?

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REORIENTING OUR AFFECTIONS. READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-15

- What does it mean to “set your minds on things above”? How can setting your affections on Christ help you fight sin?
- What’s the difference between “putting off” sin and just trying to manage it?
- What does it look like practically to “fight from victory, not for victory”?

DIGGING DEEPER: “BE KILLING SIN”

John Owen was a 17th-century pastor and theologian who wrote extensively about the Christian life, especially the ongoing battle against sin. In his work *The Mortification of Sin*, he gave this now-famous warning: “Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.” Owen wasn’t being dramatic. He understood that if we are not intentionally, daily putting sin to death through the power of the Holy Spirit, it will slowly take ground in our lives. The active fight against sin is not optional for the Christian. It is part of what it means to follow Jesus.

- What does “actively fighting sin” actually look like in your daily routine?
- What are some warning signs in your life that you’ve stopped fighting and started coasting?
- Why is it so hard to invite others into our fight against sin?
- How can we create a culture where confession is normal and safe?