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Sermon Notes

Getting Back on Victory's Path

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Text: Joshua 8

**God provides what is necessary in order for you
to be victorious in your spiritual walk.**

How can you be spiritually victorious?

- I. Start by being encouraged through the _____ of the Lord—*vv. 1-2*
 - A. You need _____ for God's power.
 - B. You need God's power and _____ for victory.

- II. Consistently follow the _____ of the Lord—*vv. 3-23*
 - A. Undertake challenges by following the Lord's direction, not your past _____.
 - B. Keep your eye on the ultimate objective regardless of where you are _____.

- III. Remove _____ from your life—*vv. 24-28*
 - A. Refuse to allow corruption of the _____ to influence you.
 - B. _____ all avenues of sin in your life, no matter how seemingly innocent.

- IV. Regularly _____ yourself of the blessings of obedience and the consequences of disobedience—*vv. 30-35*
 - A. Your verbal agreement to obey the Lord will solidify your _____ commitment.
 - B. Do not forget the importance of continued obedience in the face of _____.

Further Considerations

Joshua 8:1-2. How do you think Joshua felt after the events that transpired in Joshua 7? How do you think his spirit changed when he received the Lord's words of encouragement in these verses? Where else in this book was Joshua encouraged to "not be afraid"? What does verse 2 indicate is to be different in the conquest of Ai from the taking of Jericho? How did Achan's selfishness and impatience damage Israel? Why is it important for you to be patient and allow God to work in His time? How has God's Word encouraged you in times of discouragement? What are some Bible promises that regularly strengthen you?

Joshua 8:3-29. In what ways did the battle of Ai differ from the battle of Jericho? What lessons could Israel learn from the different approach? Why is it easier to put your confidence in previous experiences rather than God's Word? What was the attitude of the king of Ai when Israel attacked? How did his overconfidence lead to his defeat? How do the verses in 1 Corinthians 10:11-13 help us learn from the defeat of the king of Ai? Why did God command Israel to destroy the inhabitants of the land? Where else in Scripture do you have examples of God's judgment on sinful people? In what ways might our view of sin and God's holiness cause us to struggle with God's judgment? How long had the Lord waited to judge the Canaanites? What lessons should we consider for our current society? What applications concerning our culture should you personally take from this story?

Joshua 8:30:35. What is significant about the altar mentioned here? Why was this such an important event for Israel? What do you think it would have been like to be on one of those mountains and commit to obeying God's Word? Why is it necessary to be reminded of the blessings and curses of sin? How would Israel's immediate situation illustrate this reminder? How can you regularly be reminded of God's view toward sin? What are some ways you find helpful in order to live a victorious Christian life?

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