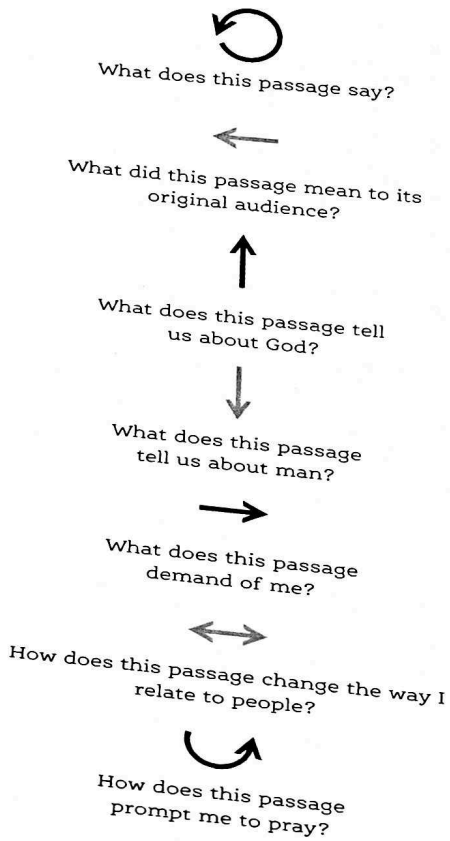


DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLICAL READING



DAY 01

JOSHUA 7:1-5

Achan made a terrible choice that affected his whole community. Thirty-six soldiers did not return to their families at the first battle for Ai. They died because of Achan's sin. This story is a sad reminder that we cannot afford to be individualistic. Our choices affect the people around us and often those we love most. Consider the power of your decisions and commit to do good so that your life may be a blessing to your family and community.

HOW HAVE YOUR CHOICES AFFECTED OTHERS NEGATIVELY OR POSITIVELY?

WHY DON'T WE TEND TO CONSIDER THE EFFECT OF OUR CHOICES ON OTHERS?

HOW CAN WE KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND?

DAY 01

JOSHUA 7:6-15

WHY ARE WE SO QUICK TO QUESTION GOD'S FAITHFULNESS?

HOW DOES FAILURE FORCE US TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE FAIL?

When Israel was defeated, Joshua's initial reaction was to think that God had abandoned them. But he soon discovered the problem wasn't that God had forsaken them, but that they had forsaken God. God told Joshua that he could not expect God to give them the land if they refused to deal with their sin. We will not live in God's victory if we do not deal with our sins. We need to bring our sin to Christ, turn from sin today and experience the blessing of Christ's victory.

DAY 03

JOSHUA 7:16-26

Joshua had warned, "Keep yourselves from the things set apart, or you will be set apart for destruction" (6:18). Achan ignored that warning, and he faced the consequences. His sin led to His own destruction. We all deserve a similar fate, but Jesus took our place. In the Old Testament, an animal's blood would be poured out on the altar and its body burned outside the camp. Jesus died in our place. He was taken outside the camp (see Heb. 13:11-12) and judged so that we might be saved. Give thanks to God. Jesus was treated like Achan so we could be saved.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WE, TOO, HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD?

WHY ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR JESUS'S SACRIFICE?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SHOW JESUS YOUR GRATITUDE?

DAY 01

JOSHUA 8:1-29

WHAT HAVE BEEN SOME OF YOUR TOUGHEST LOSSES?

HOW HAVE THEY AFFECTED YOU MOVING FORWARD?

WHAT POSITIVE THINGS DID YOU LEARN THROUGH THOSE DEFEATS?

From sports to school to relationships we don't win every battle—and that is certainly true of our sin. We often fail against temptation, but we cannot let that keep us from fighting again tomorrow. God told Joshua to rise and fight again, and that is His word to us, too. Victory comes from God. That doesn't mean we don't have to fight; it means our fighting is not in vain. Press on to fight another day. Don't let past defeats keep you from future victories. God will give you the strength to fight again and experience ultimate victory through Christ.

DAY 02

JOSHUA 8:30-35

Joshua responded to victory with worship and recommitment. They made offerings and worshiped the Lord because they recognized God as the source of their success. They listened to the word of the Lord, receiving both its blessings and warnings. We should do the same. Christ has won and is worthy of our praise and sacrifice. He deserves our attention, and we should submit ourselves to His word. May your life today demonstrate your worship and commitment to Christ.

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE TO WORSHIP GOD FOR HIS SALVATION?

HOW CAN YOU PRIORITIZE HIS WORD MORE IN YOUR LIFE?

WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO BE RECOMMITTED TO GOD?