

Joshua 7:1-26

I Did it My Way

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Sermon Notes:



- 1. Have you ever struggled with the desire to have it your own way? In light of Isaiah 14:13-14. What does this tell you about that instinct/desire?
- 2. How does Joshua (& Israel) honor God after Jericho falls? How do they fail?
- 3. Why might the Israelites have felt overconfident?
- 4. What is so surprising about the loss at AI?
- 5. "The Ai way should show us the folly of doing it my way." How does it do this? What did you learn from this lesson?
- 6. How did the spies & Joshua fail in their commissions (i.e. job descriptions; hint: see Num 27:18; Josh 7:1)? What can we learn about job roles and humility from this?
- 7. "Yes we need to trust God against the Pharaohs & Jerichos, but so too is it true that we must trust God against *the puny "Ais."* Have you ever failed to trust God for the small, unimportant things? How did that make it harder? Take time to share and encourage each other about the temptations to doubt you face right now.
- 8. Joshua concluded that God had failed; when in fact, someone had sinned. Have you ever been tempted to blame God in difficult times? What encouraged you?
- 9. How does Joshua respond to defeat? What can we learn? How can you incorporate this next time you face a difficult decision or circumstance?
- 10. Why does God respond so severely to Achan? Why was taking one robe & small gold so serious?
- 11. How did God offer Achan a chance to repent?