

"Turning Defeat into Victory"
Joshua 7, 8
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Four reasons for the defeat at Ai:

Reason #1: Overconfidence - They lost this battle because they thought they could handle it on their own without God. (Joshua 7:2,3)

Reason #2: Assumption - They lost this battle because they assumed that God would support their plan. (Joshua 7:4,5)

Reason #3: Negligence - They lost this battle because they failed to go to God when their plan "went south." (Joshua 7:6)

Reason #4: Disobedience - They lost this battle because there was "secret sin" in their camp. (Joshua 7:1)

Five principles on how to turn defeat into victory:

Principle #1: We need to remember that God never forsakes His children no matter how badly they mess up. (Joshua 8:1)

Principle #2: We need to learn from our mistakes and not repeat them. (Joshua 8:1)

Principle #3: When you're defeated by a faith test, recognize that you're going to be required to repeat the test again. (Joshua 8:1)

Principle #4: We need to remember that recovery of lost ground is always painful and costly. (Joshua 8:30-35)

Principle #5: We need to remember that following any victory, we need to give the glory to the Lord. (Joshua 8:30-35)