When Success Gets Spoiled

Crossing Over to Possess The Land

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Some Of Our Most Difficult Times Occur Immediately After A Great Victory
Joshua 7:1-5 (NIV)  

1 But the Israelites acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things; Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of them. So the LORD's anger burned against Israel...

4 So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water
Spoiled Success Leads To 3 Things:

1. *Defeat, Injury & Death*
2. *Victors Are Put On Defensive*
3. *The Brave Become Cowards*
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Success Can Be Spoiled:
- When We Fail To Take The Necessary Precautions To Keep Fighting In God’s Strength
- There Can Be No Victory For The Lord In Public Unless We Experience Worship Of The Lord In Private.
- Satan Attacks When We Are Most Confident
- Satan Attacks After Our Greatest Victories
Although **It Was God's Victory** -- Israel Began To Think Of It As Their Victory -- They Let Down Their Guard

Due To Faulty Thinking Joshua Wasn’t Prepared To Fight In The Spiritual Realm
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Two Things Led To The Anger Of The Lord:

1. Being Unfaithful In The Devoted Things

2. Putting Their Confidence In Themselves
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- The Failure To Pray Will Cause Your Success To Be Spoiled
- We Find Out How God Is Working As We Wait On Him For His Direction And Timing
Joshua Got Caught In The Trap Of The Sin Of Presumption:

Presumption Is The Sin That Shuts Off Conscience And Feels Okay About Self -- Even While Not Having Been In The Presence Of God To Hear What He Is Saying
Many Excuse & Rationalize Their Sin

- A Little Sin Won’t Hurt
- Everybody Is Doing It
- I Can Handle This
- I’m Only Young Once
- I Deserve These Things
- These Things Won’t Be Missed
Before The Battle We Must Get Rid Of All The Sin In The Camp

The Sin Of Presumption Can Cause Success To Get Spoiled

Presumption Says: “I Must Be Okay Because God Hasn’t Done Anything To Punish Me”
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- Success Can Be Spoiled By Failing To Give To God What Belongs To Him
- Jericho Was A First Fruits Conquest City
- The First Fruits Always Belong To God
- All Of The Plunder In Jericho Was To Be Devoted To God
God’s Only Answer For Sin Is Confession Repentance & The Blood Of Jesus

1 John 1:7 (NIV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Sin Must Be Dealt With Before The Battle