

# RECLAIMING LOST GROUND

## JOSHUA 8:1-35

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WITH SHAWN THATCHER

Scripture: John 15:1-8, Joshua 8:1-35

By one act of rebellion, sin damaged Israel's future victories and limited God's ability to lead the nation in the conquest of the Promised Land. But this chapter gives us hope. Joshua 8 shows the depth of God's grace as He restores a fallen believer.

Joshua 8 is about reclaiming lost ground in the battle against sin.

- Sin was the \_\_\_\_\_ that defeated \_\_\_\_\_.

- Israel could go \_\_\_\_\_ until sin was removed.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ defeats do not prevent \_\_\_\_\_ victories.

1 John 1:8-10, James 5:16, Acts 3:19, Psalm 51:1-4, 7-14

2. When going to battle, don't leave most of your \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

- When combating sin use all of your \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ obedience to \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

8:27-29, Deut.21:22-23, Joshua 1:7

- God uses victory to make us \_\_\_\_\_ and failure to make us \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Declare your dependence on God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30-35

So where is the hope in Joshua 8?

- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ but did not \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.
- God \_\_\_\_\_ restored the relationship.
- Israel \_\_\_\_\_ the battle.

For the believer today:

- Acknowledge your \_\_\_\_\_ on God.
- Confess sin so God can \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God to turn past failures into future victories.

### **THOUGHTS TO PONDER:**

1. How are you at confessing sin? Do you avoid being honest with God?
2. Once forgiven and restored in your relationships, do you look expectantly for future victory over sin?
3. Which of these four principals are hardest for you to accept or do?
4. Pray that God will lead you to victory over sin and lead you into a deeper relationship with Himself.