



## The God of the 2nd Chance

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### Joshua 8

*"The victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings."  
Alexander Whyte*

#### A New start. (vs. 1-2)

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9*

#### A New strategy. (vs. 3-13)

#### A New victory. (vs. 14-29)

#### A new commitment to the covenant. (vs. 30-35)

*"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."  
Deuteronomy 30:19*

### Questions for Discipleship Group and/or Personal Study

#### Read Joshua 8:1-2

Do you find it strange that God offers them to take the plunder when in chapter 7 Achan was killed for something similar?

Why would the Lord's words of encouragement and promise in vs. 1 be very needed for the Israelites after their failure in chapter 7? How can you claim these promises today in your life?

#### Read vs. 3-13

If you were a soldier in this army, how would you react to Joshua's plan: let's go for it! Do what? Yeah but...

Do you struggle with God ordering an ambush? With the violence? Do you wonder like Rick, whether God is commanding some of these things or are the people perceiving, after the victory, God's instructions?

How much of their victory is due to human planning and effort and how much to God's direction?

#### Read vs. 30-35

Does the fact of outsiders being part of this covenant (vs. 33, 35) reassure you of God's inclusive nature?

The King of Ai died on a tree (vs. 29) as a representative of his people. How does King Jesus' death on another tree, the cross, speak to you of God's grace in your life now.

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