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Sin in the Camp

- Through the sin of Achan, Israel “broke faith” in regard to the devoted things. 7:1
 - Moses was denied entrance in the Promised Land because he broke faith by failing to treat God as holy in the incident of striking the rock when God had commanded Him to speak to it. Deuteronomy 32:51
 - The tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh were taken into exile by the Assyrian King Tiglath-pileser because they broke faith by practicing idolatry. 1 Chronicles 5:25
 - King Saul died because he broke faith by his disobedience culminating with consulting a medium for guidance. 1 Chronicles 10:13

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- Preparation and planning to take the city of Ai 7:2-3
 - Spies sent out and found what they consider an easy next win.
 - The spies recommended a smaller fighting force would easily take the city.
 - It was determined to send only about 3000 men against Ai.
 - There is no indication of any inquiry of God or specific direction from Him.

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- Defeat 7:4-5
 - The fall of Jericho had taken place with the loss of no Israelite life.
 - Retreat at the death of three dozen soldiers out of an army of 3000 was a defeat in and of itself.
 - Their self-assurance and courage quickly evaporated.

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- Joshua and the leaders of Israel in distress before Yahweh 7:6-9
 - Questions everything that God has revealed about Who He is and His actions.
 - Joshua concerned about the position this puts him in as a leader.
 - Projects what will happen next based on his anxieties.
 - Inquires if God has thought about what this will make the people of the land think of Him.

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- God's answer 7:10-15
 - A strong rebuke because Joshua was allowing the circumstances to override all that He knew about God.
 - The revelation that Israel had sinned by taking things devoted at Jericho.
 - Note how God gives every detail of the sin that Achan thought he had kept as a secret from all but his family.
 - Revelation that now the Israelites were devoted to destruction until the devoted things were purged from the people.

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- God's answer 7:10-15
 - Ordered that the people come before Him on the next day and He would reveal by lot the offending party. (This would have been an example of the High Priest using the Urim and the Thummim. Numbers 27:18-21)

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- God's answer 7:10-15
 - The sentence of death and destruction of all he owned was decreed for the offending person.
 - Rebellion, knowing and willful disobedience to the clearly revealed will of God, carries serious consequences.
 - Rebellion seriously impacts the people in your sphere of influence.

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- Joshua immediately and diligently carries out all of God's instructions 7:16-26
 - Achan is identified and exposed as the culprit.
 - Achan admits his sin.
 - God's judgment is carried out.

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