

# SERMON NOTES

SERMON DATE: **Sunday December 1, 2019 - AM Service**  
SERMON TITLE: **When Things Go Wrong (Series: 2020 Vision For the Future: Life Lessons for the Thrill of Victory)**  
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BIBLE TEXT: **JOSHUA 7**

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Background:

- Israelites face their first obstacle in possessing the promised land
- For Israel to advance, they had to overtake the city of Jericho
- God gives them instructions to do so
- The blast of the trumpet: a proclamation of God's presence
- It was an unconventional war

Bible text: Joshua 7

## 1. Obedience and Vision

While Israel had past victories, God had much more ground for them to cover

*You will never keep your vision right  
with disobedience in your life*

Don't underestimate the ripple of effect of one act of disobedience

The story of Achan:

- God instructs His people not to take anything from the enemy camp (Joshua 6:18)
- But Achan takes a royal robe, silver and a wedge of gold
- Covetousness can get one into trouble
- Achan was concerned about his own welfare

**Life lesson:** Whatever you depend on for your security will steer the ship of your life

God wants our faith in Him to be our security.

For Achan, he lost the vision and disobeyed.

*The sooner you learn that possessions and things don't bring security,  
the better off you'll be.*

## 2. Opposition and Victory

3 Things God Said to Joshua:

1. "Fall down" (Joshua 7:6-9)
2. "Get up" (Joshua 7:10)
3. "Move out" (Joshua 8:1)

***The Christian life is a life of***

***Perseverance***

***Persistence***

***Plodding Along***

***Patience***

***Determination***