

# Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory

Joshua 7

# Life Question

**What causes defeat in my  
spiritual walk and what  
does God want me  
to do about it?**

# 5 Paths to Spiritual Defeat

- Living by sight and not by faith v.2-3
- Overconfidence v.3
- No connection with God  
Contrast Joshua 6:2-7, 16-17
- Losing sight of the purpose v.6-9
- Unaddressed sin v.10-12

# 5 Paths to Spiritual Victory

- **Specific sin was identified**  
v.11, 14-19, 23
- **Confession of all sin to God** v.20-21
- **Repentance over sin** v.12b-13, 22-25
- **Understand there are consequences**  
v.24-26
- **Set self apart as holy to God** v.13

# Principles to Learn

- I am most vulnerable to temptation when everything is going well.
- Yesterday's victory does not assure today's.
- My sin affects more than just me.
- God's judgment is never to be taken lightly.
- God will not bless me as long as I harbor unconfessed sin.