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### Living in Power

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid or discouraged. Take all your fighting men and attack Ai, for I have given you the king of Ai, his people, his town, and his land. <sup>2</sup> You will destroy them as you destroyed Jericho and its king. But this time you may keep the plunder and the livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush behind the town.” <sup>3</sup> So Joshua and all the fighting men set out to attack Ai. Joshua chose 30,000 of his best warriors and sent them out at night <sup>4</sup> with these orders: “Hide in ambush close behind the town and be ready for action. <sup>5</sup> When our main army attacks, the men of Ai will come out to fight as they did before, and we will run away from them. <sup>6</sup> We will let them chase us until we have drawn them away from the town. For they will say, ‘The Israelites are running away from us as they did before.’ Then, while we are running from them, <sup>7</sup> you will jump up from your ambush and take possession of the town, for the LORD your God will give it to you. <sup>8</sup> Set the town on fire, as the LORD has commanded. You have your orders.”

**Joshua 8:1-8 (NLT)**

Your Jericho is just the \_\_\_\_\_ battle.

- God will use your victory to open your \_\_\_\_\_ to other areas that must be brought down.
- Don't be surprised when the enemy \_\_\_\_\_.

Be open to new \_\_\_\_\_ to defeat other strongholds.

Be alert - \_\_\_\_\_ is not your friend.

### What Happens When I Lose a Battle

<sup>3</sup> When they returned, they told Joshua, “There’s no need for all of us to go up there; it won’t take more than two or three thousand men to attack Ai. Since there are so few of them, don’t make all our people struggle to go up there.” <sup>4</sup> So approximately 3,000 warriors were sent, but they were soundly defeated. The men of Ai <sup>5</sup> chased the Israelites from the town gate as far as the quarries, and they killed about thirty-six who were retreating down the slope. The Israelites were paralyzed with fear at this turn of events, and their courage melted away.

**Joshua 7:3-5 (NLT)**

Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ steal your \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_ you lost the battle

- Seek \_\_\_\_\_
- Seek godly \_\_\_\_\_

Address what you \_\_\_\_\_ regarding your failure

Go with God and \_\_\_\_\_ the next battle

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Paraphrase Joshua 8:1 after seeking God’s direction regarding your continued journey of victory.
- Decide that, “I am no longer going to settle with living a defeated life but I am going to be a victor through Jesus Christ.”
- Admitting my failure, commit to evaluate why, address the why and get back in the fight.
- Most importantly, if I have never done this, accept Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior