

MOMENTUM Bible Study Series

Lesson Three: Understanding Obstacles to Momentum

“Without difficulties, life would be like a stream without rocks and curves – about as interesting as concrete. Without problems, there can be no personal growth, no group achievement, no progress of humanity. But what matters about problems is what one does with them.”
– Benjamin Hoff.

Biblical Momentum: Joshua 7:1-26 - Key questions for this lesson.

1. Why is crucial to never be overconfident with biblical momentum even when you have the promise of God?
2. Why is it important to understand the covenant when operating in God's momentum?
3. How do you handle the temptation to turn back when obstacles come?
4. How do you get back on track when you have suffered a major setback?

A) The Problem of overconfidence. . . Joshua 7:1-5

1. Sometimes our assessment of the situation fails to see the enemy within
2. Overconfidence can get you killed.
3. Overconfidence can destroy momentum through fear.
4. Overconfidence can destroy momentum through discouragement.

B) The Power of Prayer . . . Joshua 7:6-9

1. Repentance and self reflection rebuild momentum.
2. Expressing honest feelings in prayer rebuilds momentum.
3. Remembering that the Promise Maker is a Promise Keeper rebuilds momentum.
4. Linking God's promise to God's purpose rebuilds momentum.

C) The Possibilities are endless when the solution is personal: Joshua 7:10-26

1. Prayer must change YOUR behavior before it will change your outcome.
2. Prayer must address YOUR sin before it will change your situation
3. Prayer must rely on God for clarity.
4. Prayer gives us the blueprint but we must do the building.

Conclusions:

1. Obstacles are designed by God to instruct and by the enemy to destroy.
2. Obstacles often detour us but then never deter God.
3. Losing a battle on the journey, doesn't mean you have lost the promise.

Response:

1. What obstacles have messed with your momentum?
2. Have you looked at you before you looked at your opposition?
3. Are you willing to change so that God can fulfill God's Promise to you?