

## **The Defeat of Secret Sin**

Joshua 7:1-26

Secret sin is far more devastating in our lives than we realize. And in our passage today, God shows us just how far reaching and impactful secret sin can be.

In Joshua 7 the Holy Spirit gives us a powerful real-life illustration of the devastation that secret sin causes.

### **1. The pattern of secret sin.**

- A. Defilement: The problem is introduced (v.1)**
- B. Dispatch: The plan is implemented (v.2-3)**
- C. Defeat: The people are intimidated (v.4-5)**
- D. Despair: The prayer is invoked (v.6-9)**
- E. Direction: The purging is initiated (v.10-15)**
- F. Discovery: The perpetrator is identified (v.16-23)**
- G. Destruction: The punishment is instigated (v.24-26)**

### **2. The principles of secret sin**

What are we supposed to learn from this account?

- A. Secret sin is never secret to God.**
- B. Secret sin affects others as well as you.**
- C. Secret sin makes us vulnerable to the enemy.**
- D. Secret sin will be uncovered if unconfessed.**
- E. Secret sin will be covered if confessed.**