Joshua 7:1-5

- Joshua 6:17-19, God tells the Hebrew people through Joshua that:
 - The city of Jericho was cursed by God
 - The people of Jericho were cursed by God
 - Rahab and her family were to be saved because of their faithfulness to God
 - Hebrews were not to take anything
 - Silver, Gold, Bronze and Iron were to go to the treasury of the Lord

- Joshua 7:1 Israel acted "treacherously"
 - They ignored God's command and took some "accursed" items (Gr. Anathema)
 - Achan was the culprit, who acted "treacherously" (Heb: Ma'al)
 - The Anger of the Lord "burned against Israel".

- Joshua 7:2
 - Joshua sent spies to Ai
 - Spies were successful in spying out the city
 - Men gave a report of "few" enemies (remember the report received when Moses sent spies into Canaan?)

- Joshua 7:3
 - Military leaders request only 2 or 3 thousand soldiers
 - Asked "don't make the people work so hard"
 - Joshua agreed and sent 3 thousand soldiers to Ai
 - The soldiers fled before the men of Ai

- Joshua 7:5
 - Men of Ai struck down about 36 men of the Hebrews
 - Men of Ai chased the Hebrews from the gate of the city to Shebarim
 - The hearts of the people "melted and became like water"

- What was the sin of Achan?
 - The sin of Achan was putting treasure before God worshipping the created instead of the Creator. Achan broke God's law by worshipping worldly wealth
- One man's sin brought the anger of the Lord upon all the people of Israel
 - Is this "fair?"

- One man's sin brought death and destruction to the whole world (Romans 5:12-16)
- Sin always brings the wrath of God (Romans 1:18)
- Because of sin, without Jesus Christ, we are "enemies of God" (Romans 5:10)

- The sin of coveting (wanting something without consulting God) is one of mankind's most burdensome sins
- Many people "pierce themselves through with sorrow" because of the desire for money, houses, investments, etc. (1 Tim 6:10)
- Riches are "deceitful" and will choke the Word of God in our lives (Matthew 13:22)

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that - I still possess" – Martin Luther

- He hates it and what it does to us separates us from him, which is why He sent His Son, Jesus Christ to destroy the power of sin and take upon Himself the penalty of our sin
- 1John 1:9 we must confess our sin and then He will forgive us and cleanse us



THE EXCHINE

THE SANCTUARY FELLOWSHIP

Sanctus Student Ministry News

- Don't miss these great Sanctus events!
- Invite a friend and join us on...
- Wed., July 21: Small group parties (Your leaders will get you all the info)
- Wed., August 11 @ Bonbrook Plantation: Nacho Libre party ~ Nachos, Games, Basketball, Volleyball and more!

Clothing Drive

Help us continue our ministry to the families of VBS!

- We are collecting the following:
 - clothing for all children ~ birth to graduation
 - women & men's sizes
 - shoes, purses, backpacks, and jewelry
- Bring your donations nextSunday, August 8th
- Help us deliver on August 12th at 6:00 PM



School Supply Drive: Bowie Elementary

- ✓ Please join us as we support local kids!
- ✓ Bring the needed supplies as listed in your bulletin anytime between August 1st 29th.
- Don't forget your list when you go shopping!



LADIES BUNKO NIGHT

- Ladies Mark your calendars!
- Please join us on Monday, Aug. 16th, at 7 PM at the home of Mindi Sanders for a great night of fun & fellowship!
- Sign up at the Resource Center

