

New Beginnings-- **Joshua 8:1-22**

OK SO YOU HAVE LOST A BATTLE or maybe even two or three—what's next---A do over and **NEW BEGINNING!**

● Life is often a series of Mistakes from which we can learn and grow---

Henry Ford and Thomas Edison Knew this--

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1. A NEW BEGINNING-- Josh. 8:1-2

- God allows Fresh Starts—"Do overs"-

- ❖ Psalm 37:23-24— The **word** of the Lord

- A. The **word** of encouragement --Josh. 8:1a

- B. The **word** of instruction --Josh. 8:1b-2

- C. The **word** of promise --Josh. 8:1c

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2. A NEW STRATEGY --**Josh. 8:3-13**

- God is not only the God of NEW BEGINNINGS, but He's also the God of INFINITE VARIETY.
- **God uses every Situation in our Lives to Grow us!**
 - ❖ The Captain of the host of the Lord -- **Joshua 5:14** would go before them because they obeyed His Word and trusted His promises.
 - ❖ The work of the Lord requires strategy, and Christian leaders must seek the mind of the Lord in their planning.

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3. A NEW VICTORY --Josh. 8:14-20

- I love that God is a God of---- “Do overs”— failures followed with Fantastic finishes!

A. AI EMPTIED OUT --Josh. 8:14-17

❖ *“They are the most in danger,”* said Matthew Henry, *“who are least aware of it.”*

- God Knew ---what God would Do!

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B. AI CAPTURED -- Josh. 8:18-20

What were some of the keys to Victory?

- Joshua was very aware that the battle was the Lord's –just as it was in --**2 Chron. 20:15**
- Now Joshua waited for ----God's Instructions----
This time God would lead in Victory—where just day before the flesh had brought failure.

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To be victorious we need to wait for God to speak—

- We won't hear His Voice until we lift ours to Him in Prayer and ask for His plans---
- ❖ This is a picture of Faith that works --**James 2:17-18**

We may be poured out---emptied of our own human strength to get what He wants for us!--- **2 Tim 4:6-8**

- So Don't be afraid to say— LORD I AM SORRY I BLEW IT—**CHANGE ME.**

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WHEN YOU HAVE HAD A DEFEAT —don't let the enemy keep you there—Repent—ask for God to Forgive that Fax Pas- **1 John 1:9**— HE IS WAITING AND WILLING TO FORGIVE

- ❖ Then ask him what he would have you do differently!
- ❖ Take that-- GOD ORDAINED DO OVER--- and Get moving
- ❖ PUT OFF THE OLD and PUT ON THE NEW---- **Eph. 4:20-24**
—**Col. 3**

THEN TAKE THAT **NEW BEGINNING**--- that new direction and add a serious dose of Faith—and get back into the fight!