# JOSHUA 8 - Advance >>> Through Humble Obedience

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### I - Context: Israel's Sin, Consequences, and Restoration

>>> Chapter 7:15, 25; 8: 1-2

- 1. God's anger reveals longing for covenantal relationship
- 2. The Holiness of God responds to the weight of sin
- 3. God is eager for restoration
- 4. It's God's battle, not Israel's battle

## II - ADVANCING through Humble Obedience with God's Plan

>>> Chapter 8:3-22 - Observations

- 1. The battle happens exactly as God commands
- 2. God taught them how to fight strategically
- 3. Joshua's leadership showed up
- 4. Joshua's javelin mirrors Moses' staff

#### **III - Tension with Old Testament Violence**

>>> Chapter 8:25-27

- 1. God's judgement vs. wrath/anger vs. sovereignty
- 2. God interacts with a violent world
- 3. God's commitment to Israel

#### **IV - Joshua Renews the Covenant**

>>> Chapter 8:30-34

- 1. Fulfilling Deuteronomy 11:26-29
- 2. An alter of sacrifices on Mount Ebal
- 3. Importance of oral traditions and discipleship