Useful Mistakes: Joshua 9
Some mistakes are forgotten; others are recorded for all history...
Joshua offers us a picture of the new life in Christ: the battles we fight and the pitfalls to avoid.

- Jericho = the world
- Ai = our flesh
- Gibeon = the Devil
Joshua 9:1-2 (English Standard Version)

1 As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, 2 they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.
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1. Normally, these people would be independent, even enemies
2. God is working behind the scenes
   - It probably didn't seem that way to Joshua!
Joshua 9:3-6 (English Standard Version)
But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us."
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- There is a dual-level dynamic here, not obvious to us or them

1. Satan wants to use these people
   - The Gibeonites are just looking out for #1

2. God is working sovereignly through it all
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- Why would Gibeon do this?
- They want to live
- They're surrendering
- They're selfish
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- Gibeon exposes Satan
- They use deceit
- Ephesians 6:11 & 1 Timothy 3:7
- They use disguises: angel of light, false apostles, and deceitful workmen
- Father of lies: They use lies
- What did Satan say to:
  - Cain?
  - David?
  - Judas?
- What's he saying to me?
Joshua 9:14 (English Standard Version)

14 So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the LORD.
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- Israel didn't seek God
- God's will comes from His heart
- Loving and treasuring God works out in knowing God's thoughts and doing His works
- Israel believed their eyes
But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. But all the leaders said to all the congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them." And the leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.
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- The problem with not consulting God is living with the consequences
- Confront the enemy
- Confront Satan with who he is and who you are
- Uphold God's reputation (v. 19)
- What's the best way to salvage God's reputation?
- No matter the situation
- Will you break your vows and dishonor God to better your situation?
Joshua 9:27 (English Standard Version)

27 But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the LORD, to this day, in the place that he should choose.
The Gibeonites became slaves
1. The enemy was controlled and God's people protected
2. They survived
3. God saved them

Don't miss this point: God is in the business of taking dead people and saving them

He meets you and gives you measures of grace to respond in faith

God had been moving all along, even using their trickery and selfishness to save them
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- The enemy is still deceiving and lying. Is he doing that to you?
- Are you deceiving and lying?
- Have you made some mistakes?
Sanctus Student Ministry News

- Invite a friend and join us THIS...

- **Wed., August 11 @ 6:30**
  in the Bonbrook Plantation Rec Center: Nacho Libre party ~ Nachos, Games, Basketball, Volleyball and more!

- You won’t want to miss it!
Promotion

Children who will be in 1st-5th grade in the 2010-11 school year will promote into Hi-5 on Sunday, August 22.

Students who will be in grades 6-12 in the 2010-11 school year will promote into Sanctus this Wednesday, August 11, in time for our Nacho Libre party.

See you all in your new, exciting ministries in August!
Clothing Drive

Help us continue our ministry to the families of VBS! It’s not too late!

- We are collecting the following:
  - clothing for all children ~ birth to graduation
  - women & men’s sizes
  - shoes, purses, backpacks, and jewelry

- Help us deliver on **August 12th at 6:00 PM ~ Arrival at 5!**

- For more information contact Dede: dedeharrington@yahoo.com
School Supply Drive: Bowie Elementary

✓ Please join us as we support local kids!
✓ Bring the needed supplies by August 29th.
✓ 4 Count Crayons, Markers, Map Pencils, Red Checking Pencils, #2 Pencils, Glue Sticks, Spiral Wide Ruled Notebooks, Zip Lock Sandwich Bags, Solid Color Pocket Folder with Brads
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