

Courage to Try Again

(Joshua 8:1-35)

Main Idea: Courage to try again after

Connect: As a kid what foods where you made to try? Do you eat any of these today?

Discuss

- 1. Give insight, an observation, or principal from this sermon that you found to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
- 2. How does your life relate to Joshua in this moment of time?
- 3. Why did Joshua need special encouragement when the Lord told him to attack the city of Ai?
 - How do you think Joshua felt when the Lord told him to go to battle against the city of Ai when they had already lost a battle against them?
 - Tell a time when God wanted you to do something a second time after the first time already failed.
- 4. In verses 3-8, Joshua discusses his battle plan with his people to march towards the city, run, and then ambush them. This sounded like a clever idea.
 - What plans in your life seemed like a "clever idea" but didn't turn out well? Explain what happened and what was the outcome.
- 5. What role did Joshua play before and during the war with Ai?
- 6. What did Joshua do following Israel's victory over the city of Ai?
- 7. Where in your life particularly do you need a second chance?

Live it Out

Is there some area of your life now in which you need to try again but are afraid of failing?

May you spend time *listening* to God say, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged", think
about what He wants you to do, then act upon it by committing whatever it is over to Him