

A detour on the way to the promised land



Getting Started

Can you think of a time when you were a kid where you got into trouble?
 Can you remember a time in your life when you got caught red handed?
 Can you remember a time in your life when you caught someone red handed?

Going Deeper

What did you feel God was speaking into your life from the message this week?
 What stood out to you? What did you learn?

Read [Joshua 7](#). What lessons does God teach us in this passage that will keep us from the valley of trouble?

On Sunday we talked about three statements that we make that can put us in the valley of trouble. Which of the following are you most likely to resort to in your life

1. I am confident that I can accomplish this by myself
2. If I keep it hidden it will be okay
3. I am only hurting myself

Which of the above statements do you think are most dangerous to you and the people around you?

Take a moment to read the following verses about where our confidence needs to be placed.
[Psalm 71:4-6](#), [Jeremiah 17:7-8](#), [Hebrews 13:5-6](#)

Take a moment to rate the following statements about hiding
 (1=people stay hidden, 10=people are real and authentic)

<i>How authentic and real is our culture</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>How real is your family of origin</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>How real are your friends</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>How real are you</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>How real is our church</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

What do the following verses tell us about the power of confessing rather than concealing our sin.

[Proverbs 28:13](#), [James 5:16](#), [Psalm 32:5](#)

- Why do you think people have such a difficult time being real with their sin and their shortcomings?
- What steps can you take to be more authentic in your relationships?

Take a moment to talk about the statement that we so often make, “I am only hurting myself.”

- How common is this statement?
- How truthful is this statement?
- Can you think of a time when someone you knew lived by that statement and you paid the price?
- What do you think we need to do to keep from living by the statement, “I am only hurting myself?”

If Achan had kept his tent cleaned out, he wouldn't have lead the people of Israel into the valley of trouble. Read the following verses and talk about how we can keep our tent cleaned out.

[Psalm 119:9-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:33](#)

[Philippians 4:8](#)

[2 Timothy 2:22](#)

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