

# SECRETS

*Joshua*  
*April 7, 2024*

## KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Joshua 7](#)
- [Proverbs 28:13](#)
- [Mark 4:22-23](#)
- [James 5:16](#)
- [1 John 4:18](#)
- [Psalm 32:1-8](#)

## KEY POINTS

- The Battle at Ai was lost because of hidden sin.
- Hidden sin and its consequences hurt everyone in the community.
- Joshua could've taken all 40,000 men and still lost the battle at Ai because God's protection was removed.
- Hidden secrets, much like hidden sin, keep us in fear, shame, isolation, and insecurity.
- Reasons for hiding the truth include fear, loss of reputation, consequences, and rejection.
- All sin is forgiven when confessed to God, but another measure of healing is achieved when confessed to one another and prayed for.
- There is new life, including new measures of grace, when secrets are revealed.

## DISCUSSION

1. What does Achan's story reveal to you about God's view of disobedience?
2. Have you ever experienced the hard work of covering and hiding? Explain.
3. Share a time when confession lead to freedom. What changed?
4. How does hidden sin affect families?