5. Jot down a sentence or two as to how Joshua's failure at the start of this chapter has parallels in your life.

6. God was angry; there were consequences. What happened when the nation took care of sin (7:26)?

7. What are you holding on to that is causing a failure to experience God's abundant life?

8. Achor means "trouble." Read 7:26 and then Isaiah 65:9-10. What happens to your "valley of trouble" when you turn to God in repentance? Can you remember a time when you returned to God and experienced this?

Satisfying the Wrath of God Joshua 7:1-26

"God's wrath is his righteousness reacting against unrighteousness."

- I. I. Packer

Joshua 7:1-5 God's wrath exists.

Joshua 7:6-9 God's wrath is perplexing.

Joshua 7:10-15 God's wrath is directed at sin and sinners
Joshua 7:16-21 Sin entangles through a process. "I saw"
"I coveted"
"I took"
Joshua 7:22-26 God's wrath is only satisfied through His Justice.

Getting to know you

Tell your story of how you started at Chapel City Church.

Digging deeper

1. How many people disobeyed? How many were guilty? (7:16-19 with 7:1)

2. An expensive robe, 5 pounds of silver, & 1 pound of gold; how much did sin really cost? (7:4-5, 12, 24-26)

3. See if you can recall a situation you know of where the sin was attractive in the moment but the cost was huge, not only in terms of the perpetrator, but also in the collateral damage to you or others.

4. Read 7:6-10. In v. 10, God seems almost impatient with Joshua's whining (6-9). Why is that? (When is the first time in this chapter that Joshua seeks God?)