

JUDGES

Bible Study

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JUDGES 1

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 1:1-6

Examine –

1. When does chapter one take place?
2. What did they want to know from God?
3. Who would go up?
4. What was God's promise?
5. Who helped Judah?
6. What would Judah do for them?
7. Where specifically did they fight?
8. How many died?
9. With what king did they fight?
10. What did they do to the king?

Apply-

Joshua their leader is dead, but there is still land to be conquered. There are always battles to be fought. Sometimes we think that we can relax, but we never can. Are you still fighting or have you quit?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 1:7-11

Examine –

1. How many kings had Adonibezek conquered?
2. Where did they eat?
3. In Bible days, what was this?

4. What conclusion did he draw?
5. Where did he die?
6. Who conquered Jerusalem?
7. What did they do to it?
8. Where did they fight next?
9. What 4 cities did they conquer?

Apply-

Even a pagan king recognized the law of sowing and reaping. Write out Galatians 6:7-8.

What are you sowing today?

According to God's Word, what will you reap in the future?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 1:12-17

Examine –

1. What person do we find next?
2. What would he do for the person who conquered Kirjathsepher?
3. Who conquered it?
4. Did Caleb keep his word?
5. What did she want from her dad?
6. How did they describe the 3 places he gave her?

7. What group of people is talked about next?
8. From where did they come out?
9. Where did they settle?
10. What city did Judah and Simeon take next?
11. What name did they give it?

OPINION: Why did they change all the names of the cities?

Apply-

Caleb consistently was a man of his word. Do you keep your word?

“Our word is the only thing that we can give away yet still keep.”

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 12:25

Read – Judges 1:18-23

Examine –

1. What 3 other places did Judah conquer?
2. Who was with Judah?
3. Who did they drive out?
4. Who did they not drive out and why?
5. What did they give to Caleb?
6. Who did he beat?
7. Who were they?
8. Who did Benjamin not drive out?
10. Who lived in Jerusalem?
11. Who went against Bethel?
12. Define Descry –
13. What was the city's old name?

Apply-

Caleb's faith enabled him to beat giants. Your faith can defeat giants of sin in your life.

Do you have faith?

Read Hebrews 11:6

What giants of sin do you have and how could faith defeat them?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 1:24-28

Examine –

1. Who was spying on the city (vs. 23)
2. What deal did they make with the guy?
3. Did the man do it?
4. What happened to the city?
5. What happened to the man?
6. What did Manasseh not do?
7. When did Israel put the people to tribute?
8. What did they not do?
9. Was this obedient to God?

Apply-

They never completed the job God gave them, and this would cause them major problems.
When God gives you a job, how do you respond? Give an example.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 1:29-30

Examine –

1. Over the next 5 verses 4 times the Bible says something, what is it?

This is specifically what God did not want.

2. What did the Amorites do to Dan?
3. Who eventually defeated the Amorites?
4. What did they do to them?

Read II Corinthians 6:14-17

The answer to question #1 should be – “and they dwelt among them” This was forbidden by God.

5. Does God require us to separate?
6. What 4 comparisons does God use to illustrate this?

Apply-

How is your separation?

Are you a distinct person or do you blend in with the world?

List some ways you are different from the world.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Review

Examine –

1. How many tribes are mentioned in this passage?
2. What King learned the law of sowing and reaping?
3. What faithful man do we see here?
4. Who married Caleb's daughter?
5. Who did Caleb defeat?
6. What major mistake did Israel make in Canaan?

Apply-

There are at least 5 principles we can learn from this passage. Write as many as you can.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 2

Judges 2:15

Withersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:1-5

Examine –

1. Who is speaking in this passage?
2. Where is this taking place?
3. From where did they come?
4. What did God say He would never do?
5. What were they not to do?
6. Did they obey?
7. As a result of this what will God not do?
8. What will be in their sides?
9. How did Israel respond?
10. What does Bochim mean?
11. What else did the people do there?

Apply-

Disobedience led to idolatry. Even though we don't have little statues to bow down to, what are some idols we serve through disobedience and how?

An example: A teen lies to his parents to do something with friends.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:6-9

Examine –

1. What did the people do when they left Bochim?
2. How long did the Israelites serve the LORD?
3. What had these people seen and experienced?
4. Who died?
5. How old was he?
6. Where did they bury him?

Apply-

Without looking back, give at least 5 things you know about Joshua that stood out to you.

Could others say things like this about you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:10-13

Examine –

1. Who else died?
2. What was characteristic of the next generation? (2 things)

3. What did the children of Israel do?
4. Whom did they serve?
5. Who did they forsake?
6. What was the Lord's response?
7. What 2 specific gods are mentioned here?

Give details of Baalim and Baal

Apply-

If today's nation depended on you for its leadership, what kind of nation would it be?

You can't change others, but you can work on yourself.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:14-16

Examine –

1. What was hot against Israel?
2. What does Hebrews 10:31 say about this?
3. What two things did God do to them? (they mean the same thing)

4. What could they no longer do?
5. Rewrite the first two phrases of verse 15 in your own words.

6. Had God warned them?
7. How were they feeling?

8. What did God raise up?
9. What did they do for Israel?

FACT: Verses 14-16 really are the sum of the whole book of Judges. They are in this terrible cycle the whole book.

Apply-

If things are going bad for you, have you checked to see if God is displeased with you?

You don't want God to be upset with you. Repent, He is merciful.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:17-19

Review yesterday's verses

Examine –

1. Did they heed the Judges?
2. How does God describe what they did?
3. Was this a slow process?
4. Did they follow their fathers?
5. Who was with the Judge?
6. What did the Judges do for them?
7. Why did God do this?
8. What happened when the Judge died?
9. From what did they not cease? (2 things)

Apply-

Verse 19 describes them as selfish and stubborn. We see ourselves as better than them.

If we honestly examine ourselves we find that we are selfish and stubborn.

Write here I Samuel 15:23:

What is the same as idolatry?

God is serious about this. Ask Him to forgive you if you have been guilty.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Judges 2:20-23

Examine –

1. What was hot against Israel again?
They never learn, do they? Neither do we!
2. What have they done to God's commandment?
3. To what have they not hearkened?
4. What is God not going to do?
5. What was God going to do to Israel through those people?

*Have you ever thought about difficulties as an opportunity to prove your love for God?

Apply-

How is your “love proving” going? (You may check more than one)

Failing _____

Passing barely _____

Usually well _____

List some difficulties you have been dealing with and how you proved your love for God or not.

I am motivated by the fact that I don't want Jesus to be ashamed of me. Are you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 2:15

Read – Review

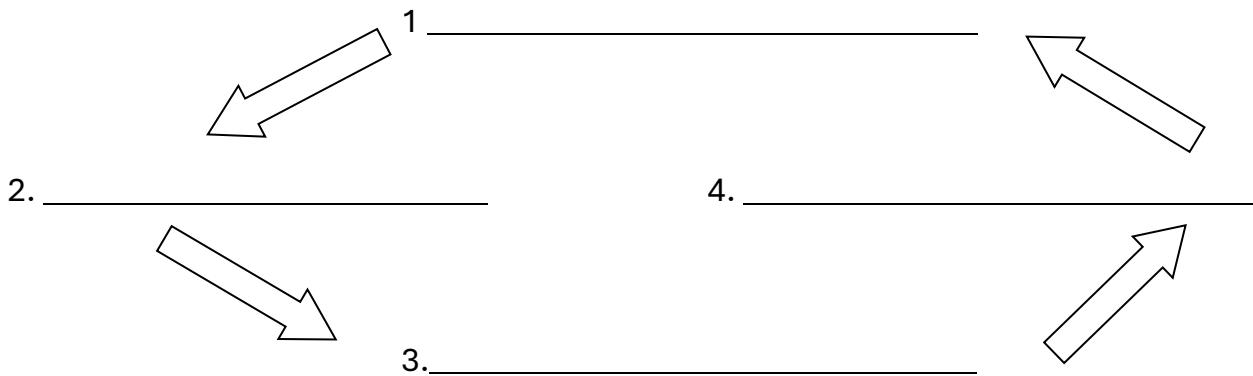
Examine –

Chapter 2 is an overview of the whole book of Judges and the remaining chapters are going to give details.

1. Describe the second generation?

2. Why did God leave some nations in the land?

3. Fill in the blanks of the cycle below that Israel was in:



Apply-

How is the cycle of your life? (Be specific)

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 3

Judges 3:4

And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3: 1-4

Examine –

1. Why did God leave some nations?
2. Specifically which group of Israelites did God want to prove?
3. What did he want to teach them?
4. Did they know how?
5. How many Philistines were left?
6. Name the other 3 nations?
7. Where did the Hivites dwell?
8. What proof did God want to see?
9. What commandments was He talking about?

Apply-

We don't like it, but God sometimes uses difficulties to try our faith. List some difficulties you are having.

Are you passing or failing right now?

Write I Corinthians 10:13 here:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3:5-8

Examine –

1. How many nations did they dwell among?
2. What did they do with their sons and daughters?
3. What did they serve?
4. What did they forget?
5. What did they serve?
6. What was hot against them?
7. Who captured them?
8. Where did he rule?
9. How long did they serve them?

Apply-

They did exactly what God said not to, and God did exactly what He said He would do. In our own lives, it is important to understand that sin is captivating.

Has compromise cost you captivity in sin? If so, how?

What seems to hold you captive most often?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3:9-14

Examine –

1. What did they do next?
2. What did God do?
3. Who was it?
4. What came on him?
5. What did he do?
6. How long did the land rest?
7. After his death, what happened?
8. Who captured them this time?
9. Where did he rule?
10. What two nations fought with him?
11. What did they possess?
Where is this?

12. How long did they serve Eglon?

Apply-

They did not learn their lesson. Do you?

Do you learn from your mistakes?

Or, do you make the same mistakes over and over before you learn?

Give an example of how you did or did not learn from a mistake.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3:15-20

Examine –

1. What did Israel do again?
2. Who was their deliverer this time?
3. List the 3 things we know about him?

4. What did the children of Israel send to Eglon?
5. What did Ehud make?
6. How was it made?
7. Where was it hid?
8. What do we know about Eglon?
9. Were there others initially with Ehud?
10. Where were they?
11. What did he say to the king to get all the people out?
12. Where was the king sitting?
13. From whom was the message?

NOTE: I don't think Eglon was going to like the message.

Apply-

People sometimes butter us up and then stab us. Eglon thought that people were being nice to him. Don't be deceived by appearance. Trust only God's Word.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3:21-26

Examine –

1. What did Ehud do with the dagger?
2. What happened to the knife?
3. What closed around the blade?
4. What came out?
5. Define Dirt –

6. What did Ehud do to buy himself some time?
7. Who came later and what did they assume?
8. How long did they wait?
9. What did they find when they opened the doors?
10. What happened while they waited?
11. To where did he escape?

Apply-

This took a lot of courage. Many things could have gone wrong. This is what God wanted him to do, so he did it. Do you do what is right regardless of the circumstances?

What are some circumstances you are faced with where you want to do right but it takes courage?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Judges 3:27-31

Examine –

1. Why were they blowing a trumpet?
2. Where did he blow it?
3. Who followed him?
4. What was God going to do?
5. Where did they go?
6. How many men did they kill?
7. Were these wimpy men?
8. Did any one escape?
9. How long did Israel have rest?
10. Who ruled after Ehud?
11. Who did he defeat?
12. How did he defeat them?

Apply-

Most people will jump on the bandwagon after someone who has courage gets it rolling. Do you have the strength and courage to stand?

Do you stand even if no one joins you?

Name one time when you have stood for right?

Did anyone follow after you made your stand?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 3:4

Read – Review

Examine –

Fill in the chart below from this chapter this week.

	Held in captivity by:	Number of years:	Deliverer:	Number of years of rest:
1.				
2.				
3.				

NOTE: Some of this information you may not have but there are 3 deliverers in this passage.

1. How many years does this chapter cover?
2. Were any of the deliveries close to the same?
3. In order to be delivered, what must the people do?

NOTE OF INTEREST: The quarries (vs. 19 & 26) are the place of gods. Ehud escaped right through their gods and was not harmed. They were, of course, powerless.

Apply-

List one principle that helped you this week.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 4

Judges 4:1

And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD,
when Ehud was dead.

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ICOR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:1-3

Examine –

1. What did the children of Israel do again?
2. When did they do it?
3. Who captured them this time?
4. Where did he reign?
5. Who was his captain?
6. Where did he live?
7. How many chariots of iron did he have?
8. How long did the oppression last?
9. What did Israel do?

Apply-

They surely are stubborn. Not only did they sin after Ehud, but it took them 20 years to ask God for help.

Try to pin-point some areas in which you are stubborn.

Are you independent?

Tom Farrell says “Prayer is my declaration of dependence on God.”

You can look at your prayer life and determine how dependent on God you are or how dependent on self.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:4-6

Examine –

1. What was Deborah?
2. Who was her husband?
3. What did she do for Israel now?
4. Where was she?
5. What kind of tree did she sit under?
What was the palm tree of Deborah?

6. For whom did she call?
7. Where did he live?
8. Who told him to go?
9. Where was the battle to be fought?
10. How many men were to be with him?
11. What tribes were represented?

Apply-

It is important to understand that God does use women! Whether a man or a woman, the key question is, “Are you obedient to His call?”

Name some areas in which you have been obedient to do what God called you to do.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:7-10

Examine –

1. To what river will he draw Sisera?
2. Again who was Sisera?
3. Will they win?
4. What was Baraks condition on obedience?
5. Will Deborah go?
6. Would Barak get the honor?
7. How would the Lord sell Sisera?
8. Where did Deborah and Barak go?
9. Who did he call?
10. How many men?

Apply-

God is orchestrating this victory, and He ultimately will get the glory. When God works things out for you, do you give Him the glory?

I Corinthians 10:31 says “Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” Write beside each situation below why the glory truly belongs to God.

1. A good grade on a test
2. Good looks
3. Victorious sports season
4. Picked for a good job
5. Lots of friends
6. Nice clothes and house
7. Coming up with a good idea

* We are stealing from God what is rightfully His, when we claim the glory for ourselves.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:11-15

Examine –

1. Who was Heber?
2. Who was he not with anymore?
3. Where were his tents?
4. What did he tell Sisera?
5. What did Sisera do?
6. From where did he gather them?
7. Who was doing the delivering?
8. Who was gone out before him?
9. Who discomfited Sisera?
10. How did he do it?
11. What did Sisera do?

Apply-

God is not limited on how he can save - chariots or no chariots. We do our part and God does His. How are you doing on your part?

Are you trusting God to do His part or are you trying to figure out how you can do it all?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:16-20

Examine –

1. Did he keep going after the armies?
2. How far did he pursue them?
3. How many of them died?
4. Where did Sisera go?
5. Whose wife was she?

FACT: Remember verses 11-12 and what they did.

6. What was between them?
7. What did Jael say to him?
8. What did she do for him?
9. What did he want?
10. What did she give him?
11. Summarize verse 20. What was he asking her to do?

Apply-

God used a woman just as he said (vs. 9). She was a brave woman.

Are you brave enough to do what God asks you to do?

Sometimes we are not brave at all. We chicken out of the simplest things like giving a tract or inviting a friend to church or choosing to do right when the peer pressure is on.

Determine to be brave for Christ, today!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Judges 4:21-24

Examine –

1. What two instruments did she use?
2. Where did she strike him?
3. Who did she tell?
4. What did Barak find in the tent?
5. Who won the victory?
6. Did it all happen in one day?
7. What area did Jabin rule?

Note: Israel is once again free from bondage.

Apply-

This is the 3rd weird way Israel was delivered. It lets us know that God is not limited in his ability to save by individuals or circumstances.

What do you need to be delivered from today?

Take it to the Lord and trust Him, no matter if His way seems weird at first.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 4:1

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Identify each character in the story:

Deborah

Barak

Sisera

Jabin

Heber

Jael

2. Where did the battle take place?

3. How many chariots did Jabin have?

4. How long did he rule them?

5. Why did Sisera go to Jael's tent?

Apply-

What character quality of God do we see in this passage?

How can this apply to you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 5

Judges 5:31

So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD:
but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.
And the land had rest forty years.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:1-5

Examine –

1. What did Deborah and Barak do?
2. When did they do it?
3. Who did they praise?
4. For what?
5. When did he avenge?
6. To whom are they singing?
7. What will they do for the Lord God of Israel?
8. Where, in the song, did God come out?
9. What happened from the sky?
10. What happened to Mt. Sinai?

Apply-

When people offered themselves, God wrought a victory.

What are you holding back from God?

Are you struggling with something in your “sin life”?

Put these two thoughts together and surrender, and God will give you the victory.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:6-9

Examine –

1. To what Judge do they go back?
This perhaps means he ruled during their time.
2. Who else do they mention?
3. What was unoccupied?
4. How did they travel?
This probably meant that the oppression of the nations had forced them to live just in the cities.
5. What ceased?
6. How long did this last?
7. What caused all this? (vs. 8)
8. What did the enemy do to the army?
9. Who does Deborah praise now?
10. Why?
11. Who does she bless?

Apply-

They chose new gods, so God judged them. The situation was bad. Is God on the throne of your life or is something else ruling there?

How do you know?

Just 2 choices on the shelf: pleasing God or pleasing self.

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Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:10-15

Examine –

1. She asks 3 groups to speak. Can you guess which goes with what?

_____	Ride white asses	A. Poor
_____	Sit in judgment	B. Rich
_____	Walk by the way	C. Rulers

2. What else did the enemy not let them do?

3. What will they all rehearse?

4. Who is to awake?

5. Who is to lead?

6. Who did she rule over?

7. How many tribes are listed in the next 5 verses (some are good and some are bad)?

8. Fill in the blank

Ephraim was against _____

Benjamin was among _____

Machir (son of Manasseh) came down with _____

Zebulun had _____

Issachar was with _____

Reuben had great _____

Apply-

It's interesting to see the different gifts from different tribes. God used all of them for the victory. God can use your gifts if you let him. Name one you could allow Him to use today.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:16-21

Examine –

1. Verse 16 almost repeats the later part of verse 15. This must have been important to note. What was significant about Reuben?
2. Who abode beyond Jordan?
3. Where was Dan?
4. Where was Asher?
NOTE: We do not know why these tribes were not involved, but you can see the sarcasm.
5. What did Zebulun and Naphtali do?
6. Where did they fight?
7. Of what did they get no gain?
8. Who fought against Sisera?
9. What River swept them away?
10. What have they trodden down?

Apply-

There are some things worth dying for. What's worth dying for to you?

Are you willing to lose your life to find it?

What do you think someone would have to do to lose his life?

A life lost in God is a life saved.

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Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:22-26

Examine –

1. What was broken?

2. How?

NOTE: This probably means the trampling.

3. Who was cursed?

NOTE: Meroz was a place in Galilee not far from Nazareth.

4. Who did the cursing?

5. What did they not do?

6. Who is blessed?

7. Who is she blessed above?

8. For what did Sisera ask?

9. What did she give him?

10. To what did she put her hand? (2 things)

11. Where did she strike him?

Apply-

Again, Jael is praised for her part. God uses individuals to do specific acts. Jael could have refused and God would have gotten someone else. Is God going to pass you by?

Will you accept His job?

Today?

He will not ask you to do what you can't handle.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Judges 5:27:31

Examine –

1. Where did he lay?
2. Where did he die?
3. Whose mother is talked about here?
4. What is she doing?
5. What is she wondering?
6. Who was answering her?
7. What did she say he would divide?
8. Of what would every man get 1 or 2?
9. What else would they get?
None of this happened. He never came home.
10. What does Deborah hope for those who love God?
11. How long did the land rest?

Apply-

A sad part of war is the loss of loved ones. It is also true of spiritual war. Do you know people who are a casualty of the spiritual war?

How do these casualties happen?

Are you going to be one of those casualties or will you shine as the Son?

That depends on who you love.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 5:31

Read – Review

Examine –

1. By reading this, what catastrophic event helped win the war?
2. How many tribes helped in the war?
3. What was it like during the oppression? List at least 4 things.

4. Who is cursed?
5. What individual is praised?
6. Who is sad and wondering?

Apply-

One job of a leader is to praise those who work. If you are consistently doing your devotions each week – Great work! You are a real encouragement to your mentors!

Is there someone you need to praise today?

If so, make sure you do it.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 6

Judges 6:27

Then Gideon took ten men of his servants,
and did as the Lord had said unto him:
and so it was, because he feared
his father's household, and the men of the city,
that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:1-6

Examine –

1. What did the children of Israel do again?
2. Who captured them?
3. For how long?
4. What was Israel forced to do?
5. What 2 other groups joined in the oppression?
6. What did they take from them?
7. How many were there?
8. As a result of this the Israelites were _____.
9. What did they do next?

Apply-

They seem to never learn. This time they have no food and are hiding in caves and so forth. They were poor. What will God have to do to you to get your attention?

Will you cry unto Him now?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:7-10

Examine –

1. Did they get tired of living this way?
2. What did God send this time to them?
3. What had God done for Israel in reference to Egypt?
4. What did He do with those that oppressed them?
5. According to verse 10, what was God to them?
6. Who should they not fear?
7. Did they obey Him?

This was the reason they were in bondage. It appears that they were tired of the bondage but not willing to turn to God.

Apply-

Many times we are tired of our situation and tired of being miserable but not willing to give in to God. We just want freedom from bondage without submission to Him. Little do we understand that the very thing we are looking for and more is found by submitting to Him. Have you submitted to the Lord?

Before you buy something at the store, don't you like to know someone who has one and really recommends it? Why then don't we do the same thing spiritually and take other's advice who have tried it and highly recommend it?

Ask some people who have and are submitted to the Lord what they think of it.

You'll not find one person who says they regret surrendering to the Lord.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:11-18

Examine –

1. Who came next?
2. From where did he come?
3. Who lived there?
4. Who was there?
5. What was he doing?
6. What did the angel say to him?
7. What was Gideon concerned about?
8. What did God tell Gideon he was going to do?
9. Gideon responded by saying things about himself. Put the right “excuse” beside each word.

Family –

Gideon –

10. Who would be with him?
11. What would he do to the Midianites?
12. What did Gideon want as a confirmation?
13. What did Gideon want to present to him?
14. Did the angel agree to stay?

Apply-

God saw Gideon’s potential. He was not yet a mighty man, but he would be. God sees your potential too. Will you allow him to work in and through you?

When you truly realize who God is, you begin to understand the huge privilege it is that He wants to use us.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:19-24

Examine –

1. What did Gideon prepare?
2. Define Kid –
3. What did he do with it after he fixed it?
4. What did the angel tell him to do with it?
5. With what did the angel touch it?
6. What came out of the rock?
7. What did it do?
8. What happened next?
9. What did Gideon perceive?
10. Of what was he afraid?
11. What was God's assurance to him?
12. What did Gideon do there?
13. What did he call it?
14. What does that mean?

Apply-

It was Mid-Eastern hospitality to offer your guest food, but this was quite a spread. Who was Gideon focused on? Did the angel draw attention to himself or God?

This is key in the way people respond today to angels. Your attention should always be toward God.

How many times when we do something right, do we then concentrate on ourselves and not

God? He should be getting the glory and attention, not us.

Name a time when you have done this in the past.

Purpose not to do this at all today.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:25-30

Examine –

1. What happened that night?
2. What was he to take of his father's? (Be specific)
3. What was he to do with him?
4. What was he to do with the grove?
5. What was he to build?
6. What was he to do with the other bullock?
7. How many men did he use to help him?
8. When did he do it?
9. Why?
10. What did the men of the city find when they woke up?
11. What did they want to know?
12. What did they find out?
13. What did the men of the city want to do?

Apply-

It could have been that he was scared that they would try to stop him, and that's the fear he spoke of in verse 27. Nevertheless, he did what God asked him to do. Would you?

What are some things that the Lord has asked you to do that you are afraid to do?

Will you be brave and trust the Lord to help you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:31-35

Examine –

1. What was Joash's question for the men?
2. What did he propose would happen to the man that pleads for Baal?
3. What was his logic behind this?
4. What did they rename Gideon?
5. What does that name mean?
6. Who was gathering for battle?
7. Where did they gather?

NOTE: This is called the Bread Basket of Israel.

8. What came on Gideon?
9. What did he blow and why?

NOTE: Abiezer was a group belonging to Manesseh. This makes sense because Gideon was from Manesseh.

10. Where did he send messengers?
11. Did they come?

Apply-

If Baal would plead against Gideon, he had no worries for a dead god can do nothing. When God spoke, Gideon responded. Do you?

What kind of excuses do you offer?

Name something that you haven't really refused to do but just keep putting it off?

God wants complete and immediate obedience.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 6:27

Read – Judges 6:36-40

Examine –

Instead of reviewing today, we are going to finish the chapter. It is quite lengthy.

1. What does Gideon now want from God?
2. What will he put on the floor?
3. Where does he want the dew to be?
4. What will this tell him?
5. What is the last phrase of verse 37?

Isn't God always truthful and does He ever have to prove Himself? Yet in God's grace, He gives Gideon confirmation.

6. Did it happen like he asked?
7. How much water was there?
8. What did Gideon not want against himself?
9. Where does he want the dew now?
10. Did God do it?

Apply-

We never need to prove God. His track record is pretty amazing. Yet we see here that God is gracious to give one of His servants the extra assurance he needed. Do you take God at His word?

Give an example of how we in this day and time might ask God to prove himself.

Do you ask Him to prove himself?

He may do it, but be careful. If He says it, that is enough.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 7

Judges 7:18

When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me,
then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say
The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7:1-4

Examine –

1. Where did the people “pitch”?
2. Where were the Midianites?
3. What did the Lord say about his army?
4. Why were there too many?
5. What was the first reason to leave?
6. How many left?
7. Look up Deuteronomy 20:8. Was this a common practice?
8. How many were left?
9. According to 8:10, how many Midianites were there total?
10. What did God say now that there were 10,000?
11. What was God’s next test to slim down the force?

Apply-

We all brag sometimes about our own accomplishments. We don’t realize that it is God that really gives the ability. What will God have to do to prove that He is the victor?

Practice giving credit to the proper One this week.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7:5-9

Examine –

1. What were the two things that set the two groups apart?
2. Out beside your above answers write the number of people in each group.
NOTE: This probably had to do with the alertness of the men as well as a small group.
3. Which group did God choose?
4. What did God say he would do to the Midianites?
5. What two things did the 300 men have?
6. What happened to the rest?
7. Where was the host of Midian?
8. When did God say he would deliver them?
9. Where did God want Gideon to go?

Apply-

Read I Samuel 14:6 – Jonathan knew God was not limited. Now Gideon is learning that, when the situation gets darker, then God gets more glory.

What kind of tough battle are you dealing with?

Ask God to help you and look for ways to give God glory through it.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7: 10-13

Examine –

1. Who is Phurah?
2. Where were they to go?
3. What will he hear?
4. What will this do for Gideon?
5. Where did he go?
6. Who was in the valley?
7. How does the writer describe the multitude?
8. How does he describe their camels?
9. What was the man telling?
10. What tumbled into the camp?
11. What did it do to the tent?

Remember Barley was the main issue here. The Midianites would steal their food.

Apply-

God again gives encouragement just when Gideon needed it.

List 3 things God does to encourage you:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Review yesterday's verses! Judges 7:14-18

Examine –

1. What did the other guy say the dream represented?
2. Who did he say had delivered them?
3. Did Gideon hear them?
4. What did it cause him to do?
5. What was his statement to his men?
6. How did he divide the men?
7. What did he put in their hands? (3 things)

8. Who were they to follow?
9. When Gideon blew, what were they to do?
10. What were they to shout?

Apply-

It is now clear that God has put fear in the hearts of the people. Gideon's job now is to follow God's orders. So Gideon has the command and the encouragement. Now he must obey. You have the same things but in different forms. Now will you obey?

What are some ways you can obey today?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7:19-21

Examine –

1. When did they arrive at the camp?
2. What had just been set?
This was a perfect military strategy.
3. What did they blow?
4. What did they break?

It may seem insignificant or ridiculous, but what if they had reversed these things?

5. What was in the left hand?
6. What was in the right hand?
7. What did they cry?
8. After this, what did they do?
9. The host below them did what 3 things?

Apply-

Sound like confusion? It was! Confusion creates problems as we will learn tomorrow. This is why God says things should be orderly. Look up I Corinthians 14:40.

Name ways your life is confused or messed up?

Do you see this as sin?

Ask God to help your discipline and organization skills to be more glorifying to Him.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7: 22-25

Examine –

1. What did God set against each other?
2. What does this mean?
3. What two places did they flee?
Where are these places?

4. What 3 other tribes contributed after the rout was on?
5. Who did Gideon specifically ask to help?
6. What were they to cut off?
7. Did they do it?
8. What two princes did they capture?

9. Where did they kill them?
10. Where did they take the men's heads?

Apply-

God gave a decisive victory. He used them to destroy themselves. Sometimes the very things we enjoy in sin, God uses to destroy us. Name anything in your life which could destroy you.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 7:18

Read – Judges 7 Review

Examine –

1. With how many men did Gideon start?
2. How many did the first group take with them?
3. With how many did he end up?
4. Verse 8 tells us something the men had that they did not specifically use in battle, what was it?
5. What was Gideon's servant's name?
6. What strengthened Gideon's hands?
7. What, in the dream, rolled into the camp of Midianites?
8. What 3 things did the men take into battle?

9. How did the people die?
10. Who intercepted the force at Jordan?
11. Who did they capture?

Apply-

What are five everyday principles you learned from this chapter?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 8

Exodus 20:3-4

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,
or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above,
or that is in the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth:

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8: 1-5

Examine –

1. What were the men of Ephraim mad about?
2. Define Chide –

3. How does the Bible describe the conflict?
4. How did Gideon respond to them?
5. Who did God deliver into Ephraim's hands?
6. What was their reaction to this comment?
7. Read Proverbs 15:1. What turns away wrath?
8. What river does Gideon and his men pass?
9. How many men has Gideon lost?
10. How does the Bible describe the men?
11. Of what group does Gideon ask assistance?
12. For what did he ask?

Apply-

Gideon could have said to Ephraim, “Do you know who I am? Get in line and be quiet!” That would have stirred up the nest. Instead, he gave a complimentary answer that was true.

Are your answers soft (kind)?

When is the last time you gave a harsh answer?

Did it resolve the conflict or stir up anger?

Can you find a verse in Proverbs that deals with this subject?

How is your speech?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8: 6-12

Examine –

1. Did the men of Succoth help Gideon?
2. What would Gideon do to them after he won the battle?
3. Who did ask next to help them?
4. How did they answer?
5. What will Gideon do to them?
6. Where were the 2 kings of Midian?
7. How many men did they have with them?
8. How many soldiers had already died?
Remember yesterday Gideon had not lost any.
9. Where did Gideon come on them at?
10. How did the host feel in this area?
Apparently, this was some kind of secure area.
11. Did he capture the kings?
12. What were their names?
13. What about their armies?

Apply-

No one helped Gideon, but he did not stop the fight to deal with non-supports. He finished the fight first. What things discourage you in the fight?

Do you often stop doing things to deal with problems?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8:13-18

Examine –

1. Again, who was Gideon's father?
2. When did Gideon get back from battle?
3. Who did he catch?
4. What did the young man describe for Gideon?
5. How many were there?
6. Of what did Gideon remind them?
7. With what did he teach the men?
8. What did he beat down in Penuel?
9. What did he do to the men?
10. Where had the Midianite kings slain people?
11. What was the king's answer to Gideon's question?

Apply-

Gideon fulfilled his word. It would have been hard because here he is exhausted from fighting. Remember they had been up all night, maybe two. It is when we are tired that Satan will tempt us to relax, make excuses, and so forth. Remember you never sit neutral in the Christian life. It's either forward or backward. What are some ways you can guard against this kind of attack from Satan?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8: 19-23

Examine –

1. The men the kings killed in yesterday's passage were what to Gideon?
2. What would have happened if they would have kept those men alive?
3. What was Gideon's firstborn named?
4. How old was he?
5. What did Gideon ask him to do?
6. Who encouraged him to kill them?
7. Who did kill them?
8. What did he take from their camels?
9. What did the men of Israel want from Gideon?
10. Why?
11. What was Gideon's answer?
12. Who did Gideon say would rule over them?

Apply-

Who rules over you?

We all like to see and feel what we believe. That's why idol worship, though empty, is so popular.

What kind of idols do you have?

What controls you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8:24-28

Examine –

1. What did Gideon want from the men?
2. What did the Ishmaelites apparently always have?
3. What was the men's response?
4. What did they put the stuff on?
5. What was the weight of the gold?

6. What else did they give? (4things)
7. What did Gideon make with the stuff?
8. Where did he keep it?
9. How did Israel respond to it?
10. What did it become to Gideon?
11. How long did Israel have quietness?

Apply-

I don't know Gideon's motives here. It appears he may have been greedy. Perhaps he made the ephod as a memorial of the victory. Whatever the reason, we see idol worship sticking its head up again. Gideon didn't follow through with some things. Will you?

Will something you have be a “snare” to you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8:29-35

Examine –

1. Where did Gideon stay?
2. What does the Bible still call him from time to time?
3. How many sons did Gideon have?
4. How many wives did he have?
5. Where did his concubine live?
6. What was the son's name whom she bore?

Note: His name means “my father’s the king”. This will play out in the future.

7. How does the Bible describe Gideon’s age at his death?
8. What happened after his death?
9. Who specifically did they serve?
10. Whom did they not remember?
11. To whom did they not show kindness?

Apply-

Back in the cycle again! These people never seemed to learn. Do you?

Do you keep making the same mistakes?

Ask God to break you of this.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Exodus 20:3-4

Read – Judges 8 Review

Examine-

1. What tribe complained against Gideon?
2. How did Gideon respond to them?
3. Did Gideon lose any men?
4. What river does he cross?
5. What two groups of people does Gideon ask for help?
6. Does he catch the Kings of Midian?
7. Does he fulfill his word to the two cities that didn't help him?
8. Who does Gideon say would rule over Israel?
9. For what does Gideon ask?
10. What does he do with it?
11. How many sons does Gideon have?
12. After his death what does Israel do?

Apply-

Pick out some of Gideon's weaknesses and tell how you can avoid them?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 9

Judges 9:56

Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren:

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:1-7

Examine –

1. Who is Abimelech?
2. Who was in Shechem?
3. What did he do there?
4. What did he present to them?
5. What was their response?
6. What did they give him?
7. Where did it come from?
8. What did he do with it?
9. What did he do to 69 of his brothers?
10. Who escaped?
11. From where did Jotham speak to them?

Apply-

Gideon's immorality comes back to get him. You never get away with sin. You may not see the consequences for a while, but they will show up.

Name some sins you have committed in the past and the consequences you had because of them.

What sins do you have hidden in your life for which you have not yet seen the consequences?

It will catch up to you.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:8-21

Examine –

1. Who is looking for a king in this story?

2. Fill in the chart below:

Tree Asked:	Response:

3. How does he relate this story?

4. What did his father do for them?

5. If they have dealt truly, what should they do?

6. If not, what will come out of Abimelech to devour them?

7. Where will fire come from to devour Abimelech?

8. Where did Jotham dwell after the speech?

9. Why did he dwell here?

Apply-

You always reap what you sow (Galatians 6:7-8). This is taught throughout the Bible.

What does your seed look like?

Name some good and bad seed you have sown this week.

Be extra careful this week to watch what you sow, because you are guaranteed to reap it.

Remember: You reap **what** you sow, **more** than you sow, and **later** than you sow.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:22-30

Examine –

1. How long did Abimelech reign?
2. What happened to his relationship with his people?
3. How did the men of Shechem deal with him?
4. Verse 24 says this was a fulfillment of p _____.
5. What did the men of Shechem do to people?
6. Who rose up as the leader in the opposition?
7. What did they do with the grapes?
8. Where did they do it?
9. Who did they curse?
10. Of what did Gaal boast?
11. What would he do if he were king?
12. Who was “mayor” of Shechem?
13. What did he think of Gaal’s boasting?

Apply-

Men are bold when they are powered by Satan (pride, alcohol, drugs and so forth). The Bible says the righteous are bold. Which kind of boldness do you have?

Give some ways you know this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:31-39

Examine –

1. What did he do to warn Abimelech?
2. What were they fortifying?
3. What was his purposed plan?
4. When would they fight?

Fact: If the people were drunk from the night before, they probably were not too alert the next morning.

5. Did Abimelech heed his advice?
6. How many companies did he have?
7. Who was standing in the gate of the city?
8. Who was there also?

Remember: Rulers and business transactions happened in the gate of the city.

9. What did Zebul say Gaal saw?
10. What does Zebul eventually say to Gaal?
11. Did they fight?

Apply-

It's time to back up his talk. Someone has said, "Talk is cheap." Do your actions back up your talking? Give some examples.

Be what you say you are!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:40-49

Examine –

1. What did Abimelech do to him?
2. How far did they whip them?
3. Where did Abimelech dwell?
4. What did Zebul do to Gaal?
5. How many groups of people did he have now?
6. What did one group do?
7. What did the other two do?
8. What happened to the people in the fields?
9. How long did he fight against the city?
10. What did he do after he took it?
What did it mean to throw salt on the city?

11. Where did the men of the city go for refuge?
12. What did Abimelech do to the hold and how?
13. How many people died?

Apply-

No other gods can protect, but God can. You are indestructible in God's will. Is your safety in something other than God?

How do you show God that you trust Him?

If you really do trust Him, then you should not have trouble trusting Him with your whole life.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Judges 9:50-57

Examine –

1. What city did he conquer next?
2. What was in the city?
3. Where did the people go once in the Tower?
4. What did he try to do to the door?
5. What did a woman do to him?
6. Why?
7. Who killed him?
8. Why did he want him to kill him?
9. How did the rest of the nation react to his death?
10. What did God do to Abimelech?
11. What did God do to the men of Shechem?
12. What came upon them?

Apply-

So goes the cycle of sowing and reaping; neither side got what they wanted. You never win by destroying others.

How do you win? [Matthew 23:11 and Luke 22:26]

List each of your family members and one other person. To the right of each one, write something you can do to serve them this week.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 9:56

Read – Review

Examine –

1. From what city is Abimelech?
2. How many brothers does he have?
3. How many does he kill?
4. Who escapes?
5. What nature item does he use to tell his story?
6. Does the story come true?
7. Who defies Abimelech?
8. Who is the “mayor” of Shechem?
9. How does Abimelech kill most of the people in the city?
10. What gives Abimelech a head wound?
11. What was the reason all this happened?

Apply-

A principle from this passage:	How it applies to me:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 10 - 11:11

Judges 10:13-14

Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods:
wherefore I will deliver you no more.

Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 10:1-5

Examine –

1. Who was Israel's defender after Abimelech?
2. Who was his dad?
3. Who was his granddad?
4. What tribe was he from?
5. Where did he live?
6. How long did he judge Israel?
7. Who was after him?
8. Where was he from?
9. How long did he judge?
10. How many sons did he have?
11. What two things did they own?
12. Where was he buried?

Opinion: Why do you think God didn't give us any more details surrounding these stories?

Apply-

It's interesting to note that God is using different people from different geographical regions and different styles to rule His people. Did you know God can and wants to use you?

What do you have to lay on the altar for God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 10: 6-9

Examine –

1. What did Israel do AGAIN?
2. What gods did they serve? (List all seven of them)

3. In the process whom did they forsake?
4. What was against Israel?
5. To what 2 nations did God give Israel over?
6. How many years did some of Israel have to suffer?
7. What did Ammon do finally?
8. What 3 tribes did they oppress?
9. How does the Bible describe Israel?

Apply-

With each cycle, they seem to get lower and lower - more and more gods are served. Will they ever learn? In what ways are you the same as them?

Are you falling further and further back?

You must have God's help to bring you from this "Cycle of Sin".

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 10:10-14

Examine –

1. To whom did they eventually turn back?
2. What word do they use to describe what they had done?
3. What two things do they specifically mention?

4. What does God remind them of in verse 11-12?
5. From how many nations does God specifically mention that he delivered them?
6. What shocking thing does God say to them in verse 13?
7. What should they do with the gods they have chosen?
8. God says let them _____ you!

Apply-

Read Proverbs 1:24-31. Can you imagine God saying these things? He will! He is not a genie to call on when you're in trouble. Eventually he will stop helping you. How do you treat God?

Name some ways that you have treated Him like a genie in the past.

Do you want Him to say these things to you?

What can you do today and the rest of this week to change how you treat God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 10:15-18

Examine –

1. What was Israel's admittance?
2. What were they willing to accept?
3. When did they want deliverance?
4. What did they put away?
5. Who did they serve?
 - This is true separation – From something to something
6. What was God's response to their actions?
7. Who was gathered against them?
8. Where were they camped?
9. Where was Israel assembled?
10. For who was Israel looking?

Apply-

Do you have genuine separation?

List below things you need to separate from, to whom you should separate, and how.

Separate From:	Separate To:	How:
EXAMPLE: Television	God	Time in God's Word instead

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 11:1-6

Examine –

1. Where was Jephthah from?
2. What was he?
3. For what was his mother known?
4. Was Jephthah's mother Gilead's wife?
5. What did the legitimate sons of Gilead do to Jephthah?
6. What was he not going to do with them?
7. Where did Jephthah dwell?
8. What was gathered to Jephthah?

Note: This is kind of a background to the story at the end of chapter 10 and whom they chose to lead them.

9. Who is making war against Israel?
10. Who did they want to lead them?
11. They wanted him to be their _____.

Apply-

Was Jephthah at fault for his birth?

We need to be careful about judging/making fun of people, who have nothing to do with their condition.

How do you make fun of people?

How do you judge people?

Ask God to forgive you for this!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Judges 11:7-11

Examine –

1. What was Jephthah wondering?
2. What had they done to him?
3. When were they coming to him?

Note: The word turn here is a completed action and is the same root for repent. They had already repented of these actions and were coming to him for help.

4. What did they want him to do with the children of Ammon?
5. Over what would he be head?
6. Of what did Jephthah want assurance?
7. Who did they call to witness this?
8. What two specific titles did the Bible give him?
Fact: These could have signified different roles.
9. To whom did Jephthah tell these words?
10. Where?

Apply-

It's amazing how people will change their actions when they need something. List a time when you have done this to God.

Do you do this often?

Do you do "right" more when you want something from God?

This is the wrong attitude. Ask Him to forgive you.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 10:13-14

Read – Review

Examine –

1. List below the 2 judges in the beginning of chapter 10 and how long they judged.
2. What did Israel do again?
3. Was God's attitude different this time?
4. Who did God tell them to go ask for help?
5. What nation was primarily hurting them?
6. Did God change his attitude?
7. Where was Israel gathered?
8. Who was Jephthah's mother?
9. What did the people want from him?
10. What did they promise him in return?

Apply-

Do you treat all people equally?

Who do you have the hardest time treating right?

What specifically this week could you do to show an outward change of attitude in this area?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 11:12-40

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Better is it that thou shouldest not vow,
than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:12-17

Examine –

Go back and re-read verses 1-11.

1. To whom did Jephthah send messages?
2. What did he want to know?
3. What had Israel taken from them?
4. When did this happen?
 - That is several 100 years ago.
5. What did he want for peace?
6. Had Israel taken their land?
7. How did Israel come from Egypt?
8. From whom did they ask permission to pass first?
9. Did he give it?
10. Who was next?
11. Where did Israel camp?

Apply-

Jephthah is trying the diplomatic approach first. He is trying to resolve this peaceably.

When you are faced with a situation, do you try to resolve it peaceably?

Do you just plow ahead and get into trouble?

How can you plan your reaction before the next time you are faced with a rough situation?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:18-24

Examine –

1. Whose land did they come to next?
2. Into whose land did they not come?
3. Who was the king of Amorites at that time?
4. What did Israel want to do?
5. What did Sihon do to Israel?
6. Who won the battle and why?
7. What specifically did they possess?
8. Who really took the land from them?
9. In verse 24, Jephthah really puts the battle in perspective as whom against whom?

Apply-

What territory, given by God, were they not willing to give back?

How does God give us victory over the world?

Should we go back to the world?

What has God previously conquered in your life that you either have or have a tendency to surrender back over to the world?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:25-28

Examine –

1. Who does he use as a reference in this part of the story?
2. Did he fight with Israel?
3. How long had it been?
4. Had Israel done wrong to them?
5. What wrong had he done to Israel?
6. Who is the Judge?
7. Who would settle this dispute?
8. Did the children of Ammon listen?

Apply-

Jephthah had things in proper perspective. He put God in His proper place as Sovereign and trusted Him for the outcome.

Will you let God be your Judge now or will you just wait till the Judgment seat for Him to judge your life? Then it will be too late.

What actions over the last few days would the Judge be pleased with?

What actions would He not be pleased with?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:29-33

Examine –

1. What came on Jephthah?
2. What route did he take?
3. What did Jephthah do next?
4. What was the vow?
5. What would he do with the offering?
6. Did Jephthah win the battle?
7. Between what cities did the battle take place?
8. How many cities did this cover?
9. On what plain was the battle also?
10. What term does the Bible use to describe Ammon after this?

Apply-

When we are filled with God's Spirit to accomplish God's will, God will get the victory.

Are you filled with the Spirit of God?

How can you tell?

Are you doing God's work?

What is it?

From your above answers you should be able to tell why or why you are not seeing victory.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:34-36

Examine –

1. Where did Jephthah live?
2. Who came out first to meet him?
3. How did she come out?
4. How does the Bible describe her?
5. What was his response to her?
6. To whom had he opened his mouth?
 - You probably wouldn't feel too good if this is the way your dad greeted you.
7. What was the daughter's response?
8. Why did she say this?
 - Apparently somewhere between verses 35-37 he explained the vow to her.

Apply-

Jephthah understood the seriousness of a commitment to God. All of us have made commitments, but do you honor them no matter what?

What vows have you broken?

Spend some time asking God to reveal to you these vows and then seek to keep them.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Judges 11:37-40

Examine –

This next passage of Scripture is perhaps the most difficult to discern in the Bible. We will attempt to do so.

DEFINITION: A vow is to promise voluntarily to give or do something; the primary idea is that of setting apart or consecrating.

1. What did his daughter want to do?
2. How long did she want to do this?
3. Did he give permission?
4. What did he do to her?
5. What did she never know?
6. What was a custom in Israel?
7. Who mourned her?
8. For how long did they mourn?

Find the two primary opinions of this passage and explain them. Circle the opinion you agree with.

Apply-

Regardless of which opinion you choose, the daughter was obedient to what her father asked. Would you have had this attitude?

What kind of attitude do you have in just everyday obedience?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

Read – Review

Examine –

1. To whom did Jephthah send messengers?
2. What does Jephthah give to the king?
H _ i _ l _ _ _ _ _ y _ L _ _ _ s _ _ _
3. Who really had initiated the conflict?
4. Who did Jephthah call on to settle this?
5. What rash thing did Jephthah do?
6. Did he win the war?
7. Who met him when he came home?
8. She was an _____ child.
9. Was she willing to go along with what her dad had decided?
10. What memorial is towards her?

Apply-

There are many principles we can learn from this. Can you list 4 and how they affect you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 12-13

Judges 13:16

And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was an angel of the LORD.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 12:1-7

Examine –

1. Who was upset with Jephthah?
2. Why?
3. What were they going to do to him?
4. What is Jephthah's contention?
5. Who had won the victory for him?
6. Who fought with Jephthah?
7. Who won the battle?
8. What specific area did they take?
 - This apparently was an easy escape route.
9. What test did they give to see if they were telling the truth?
10. How many men of Ephraim died?
11. How many years did he judge Israel?
12. Where was he buried?

Apply-

Pride is the source of this problem (Proverbs 13:10). All of us struggle with this but it is good to examine yourself quite often in this area. How is your pride?

How does it manifest in your life?

Is it defeating you, now?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 12: 8-15

Examine –

1. Fill in the chart below with information from the passage

Judge	Birthplace	# of years judged	# of children	Burial place

2. What is the total number of years covered by these judges?

Apply-

Apparently at least 2 of the 3 men used their children in their ministry. What are you doing to be a compliment to your parent's ministry?

How could you help it?

How could you hinder it?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 13:1-5

Examine –

1. What did Israel do again?
2. Who did they serve this time?
3. How long was it?
4. From what tribe is this guy?
5. What was his name?
6. What was wrong with his wife?
7. Who appeared to her?
8. What did he tell her?
9. What 3 specific things could she not do?
10. What would never come to his head?
11. What would he be?
12. What will he begin to do?

- See Numbers 6:2-21 for further information on this subject of the Nazarite vow.

Apply-

Nazarite at its root means separate; set apart. Although the things listed here are not what we would do to separate, what have you done to demonstrate that you are set apart?

Would others see you as different?

Are you a bright light in a dark world or do you just blend right in with the darkness?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 13:6-14

Examine –

1. Who did the women tell?
2. How did she describe the angel?
3. Did she know where he was from or his name?
4. What did she tell her husband?
5. What did Manoah ask God?
6. Why did he want him to come back?
7. Where did the angel appear next to the woman?
8. Who was not with her?
9. What did she run and do?
10. What did Manoah want to know?
11. What did he want to come to pass?
12. What did he repeat for him?

Apply-

It appears to me that Manoah is a conscientious man. He wants to do things just right. He doesn't want to violate what God had said. How are you conscientious when God commands you to do something? Give some examples.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 13:15-19

Examine –

1. What did they want to do for the angel?
2. What would the angel not do?
3. What about a burnt offering?
 - Angels did not ever accept worship in the Bible
4. What did Manoah not know?
5. What did Manoah want to know from him?
6. Why did he want to know this?
7. What was a secret?
8. What did Manoah do with a kid?
9. Where did he offer it?
10. What did the angel do?
 - Angels know how to worship God
11. What were Manoah and his wife doing?

Apply-

To whom are you giving your worship?

List below the ways that we worship these things:

People –

Popularity –

Possessions –

How should we worship God?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Judges 13:20-25

Examine –

1. What happened when the flame came off the altar?
2. What did Manoah and his wife do when they saw this?
3. Did he ever appear to them again?
4. Did Manoah ever know he was an angel?
5. What did he think would happen to them?
6. Why did he think this?
7. What was her logical argument? (2 primary things)

8. What did she call the boy?
9. Who blessed him?
10. What began to move upon him?
11. Where did this start?

Apply-

It appears to me that Samson had everything going for him - a miraculous birth, great parents, and a special calling - but as we will see he never fulfilled his potential. List some things you have going for you.

Will you throw it all away?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 13:16

Read – Review

Examine –

- We are primarily going to review chapter 13.

1. Who was Israel serving?
2. Who is Samson's father?
3. Who told them they would have a son?
4. What would he be?
5. What 3 things do we know about this vow from this passage?
6. What prayer did God answer for Manoah?
7. What was Manoah's wife's name?
8. When did the angel do wondrously?
9. In relation to worship, what 2 things do we know about angels?

10. How did the angel get to Heaven?
11. Did the prophecy come true?

Apply-

List 3 principles from this passage and how you will implement them into your life.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 16

Judges 16:21

But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:1-4

Examine –

1. Where did Samson go?
2. What did he find there?
3. Who surrounded the city?
4. What did they want to do to him?
5. When did Samson leave?
6. What did he take with him?
7. Where did he put them?
8. Where did he take them?
9. Where did the next woman that he fell for live?
10. What was her name?

Apply-

Samson's lack of self-control would ultimately doom his life. Do you have self control? In what areas have you told your body "no" lately?

What areas have you not shown self-control?

Work on these this week!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:5-9

Examine –

1. Who came to Delilah?
2. What did they want her to do to Samson?
3. For what reason?
4. How much would they pay her?
 - This is equal to 3-1/2 years wages.
5. What did she ask Samson?
6. What was his first answer?
7. What would he be as?
8. Who brought her the green withes?
9. Define withe (in this context) –

10. Who actually bound him?
11. Who was in the chamber with them?
12. When He broke them they were as what?

Apply-

Samson is blinded by his sensuality (sin). The problem is that people who are blinded don't know it. Could you be blinded and not know it?

God can reveal it to you if you really want to know. Ask Him to reveal any sin that you are blinded to and write it in the space below.

Look at your life through God's eyes not your own.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:10-14

Examine –

1. Of what did she accuse Samson?
2. What does she ask him a second time?
3. What does he say is the solution this time? (Look at 15:13-14)
4. Who bound him?
5. What did she say a second time?
6. What were they like when he broke them this time?
7. Is there anything different about the 3rd question?
8. What was his answer?
➤ Notice: He moves closer and closer to the real deal. Is he being wise?!
9. When she weaved it, with what did she fasten it?
10. Did it affect him?
11. With what did he go away?

Apply-

It's important to note that the Philistines have probably not revealed themselves at all in this process. However, he keeps going back. Why? Is it destructive?

We overlook the obvious signs of danger when we are blinded by our passion.

We do the same thing with Satan. We see how he treats others, yet we think we must be the exception.

What things are you allowing Satan to deceive you about on a regular basis?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:15-20

Examine –

She changes her spiel now.

1. What did she use that is still used today with couples?
2. What was not with her?
3. How many times had he “mocked” her?
4. How often did she press him?
5. Was it getting to him?
6. What did he finally tell her?
7. How long had he had this vow?
8. Did she believe him?
9. For whom did she send?
10. What did they bring with them?
11. Where did he sleep?
12. What did they do to him?
13. When he woke up, what did he say would happen?
14. What did he not know had left him?

Apply-

Continual badgering led to his failure. We would call this peer pressure. What kind of people do you hang around?

This will dictate what kind of peer pressure you put yourself under.

Would you have noticed that God’s power had left you?

In times that you have disobeyed God, what were some of the signs that He had removed His power from you?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:21-25

Examine –

1. What was the first thing they did to him?

2. Where did they take him?

3. With what did they bind him?

4. What did he do all day?

FACT: In Bible days this was a woman's job

5. What began to grow?

6. For what did the Philistines gather?

7. Who did they claim had given them Samson?

FACT: A Christian's sin always gives the enemies of God cause for rejoicing.

8. What does the first part of verse 25 indicate?

9. Who did they call?

10. For what reason?

11. Where did they set him up?

Apply-

How have you given the enemy opportunity to rejoice?

You may not realize it, but your sin is ultimately leading to your being ridiculed.

Will you repent now?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Judges 16:26-31

Examine –

1. Who was leading him around?
2. What did he ask him to do?
3. Of what was the house full?
4. How many were on the roof?
5. What does it mean that they were Lords?
6. On whom does Samson call?
7. What did he want God to do one last time?
8. Why did he want this?
9. Why were these pillars important?
10. What was his last request?
11. How does it describe the destruction of the Philistines?
12. Who buried him?
13. Where did they bury him?
14. How long did he judge?

Apply-

Samson never fully reaches his potential. Will you?

How does the way you are living differ from God's plan for you?

God has a specific plan for you, but will you follow it?

You must start now!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 16:21

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Who did Samson visit in Gaza?
2. What did he take with him when he left?
3. Where did Delilah live?
4. What did the Philistines offer her to deliver Samson?
5. How many times did she ask before she got the right answer?
6. What 3 things did the Philistines do to Samson?
7. Where did they take him?
8. Who did they praise as a result of his capture?
9. How did he collapse the house?
10. How many people died?
11. How long did he judge?

Apply-

What do you think was Samson's greatest failure? (Think about heart issues, not surface issues)

In your opinion, what is your greatest weakness right now?

Don't end up like Samson. Make the necessary changes while you still can.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 17-18

Judges 17:6

In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

It is my opinion that these 2 chapters are to give us insight into how the Jewish mind thought during this time. Let's take a glimpse into their lives.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 17:1-6

Examine –

1. Where does the person live in this story?
2. What was his name?
3. What was his mother missing?
4. Who had them?
5. Did he give them back?
6. He had dedicated them to whom?
7. For what reason?
8. How much of the silver did the mom give?
9. To whom did she give them?
10. What did she give them?
11. Of what did Micah have a house full?
12. What did he do with one of his sons?
13. What did everyone do?

Apply-

They are mixing God and idolatry. The profane and Holy are not to be mixed (Ezekiel 22:26). What right and wrong are you trying to mix in your life? Be honest with yourself and with God.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 17:7-13

Examine –

1. Where did this young man live?
2. What was he?
3. Where was he going?
4. Who did he run across?
5. What did Micah want him to do and be?
6. What would be his pay for this?
7. What kind of relationship did they have?
8. Who would do him good?
9. Why?

Apply-

Why wasn't he doing the job God called him to do?

Why is he hiring out his services?

We may ask ourselves the same questions.

Are you doing what God has called you to do?

How might we “hire ourselves out” today?

For popularity?

For friends?

For a job?

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Praise: _____

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Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 18:1-6

Examine –

1. What was not in Israel?
2. Who was seeking a place to live?
3. What had not fallen to them?
Note: They were given it but never possessed it.
4. How many men went from Dan?
5. What were they like?
6. What were they to do?
7. Where did they lodge?
8. Who did they know here?
9. Of whom did the Danites want him to ask counsel?
10. For what reason?
11. Did he bless their way?

Thought: Did he ask God?

Apply-

Dan never fully conquered the land God gave them so they're going to find green pastures and easier territory.

How do you typically look for the easy way out?

The Bible says the way of the transgressor is hard and Christ's yoke is easy.

God's way really is the easiest but even it takes diligence.

Don't be a wimpy Christian. Get busy and work hard at serving the Lord.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

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Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 18:7-13

Examine –

1. Where did they go?
2. How does it describe the people living there?
3. What was **not** in the land?
4. Did they have any connections with people close by?
5. What was the recommendation of the 5 men to their people?

6. What would they find there?
7. Of what was there no want?

8. How many warriors went from the Danites?
10. Where did they camp?
1. Where did they pass by next?

Apply-

Except for a token asking of an ungodly priest, these people are doing all this with no counsel from God. What things have you done without consulting God?

This is sin (James 4:13-17).

Ask God to forgive you and then ask **Him** to schedule your day!!!

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 8:14-21

Examine

1. Who counsels the warriors in the 1st verse?
2. What 4 things were in the house?

3. What did the Danites do in verse 15-16?

Use your thinking cap!

4. Who took the things mentioned above?
5. Where was the priest?
6. What did the priest want to know?
7. What did the men tell him to do?
8. What question did they ask him?
9. What was glad? (be specific)
10. What did they put in the front of the caravan?

Apply-The priest was for hire. We learned this on day two. Remember this principle: Someone who is for hire will always go to the highest bidder. When you sell yourself out, you will not be able to stop. It will cost you more and more to be for sale. Are you for sale? Have you really thought about this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Judges 8:22-31

Examine –

1. Who came to Micah's defense?
2. What did the Danites want to know?
3. What smart-alecky comments did Micah make back? (Put in your own words)
4. With what did Dan threaten them?
5. What did Micah observe?
6. What did he do?
7. What did they do to Laish?
8. Who was able to deliver them?
9. What did the Danites do there?
10. What did they call the city?
11. What did they do with the graven image?
12. We finally learned the man's name who was priest, what was it?
13. How long was he (& his family) the priest?

Apply-

People who don't live by the Bible make up their own rules. Think about it. You steal someone's god & their priest so you can be blessed - this makes no sense. How do you make up your own rules at times? Give some examples below. We don't make sense either.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 17:6

Read – Review

Examine –

1. Name the 3 peoples/groups of people that this story is primarily about.
2. Name at least one weakness for each of the above people/groups of people.
3. From where did the Danites come?
4. What city did they conquer?
5. What did they rename the city?

Apply- Look again at this week's memory verse. Is the last part your characteristic?

How can you change this?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 19

Proverbs 1:10

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

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This is probably one of the most unpleasant chapters in the entire Bible. However, we know that God included it in the Bible for a reason (2 Timothy 3:16). As you work through the chapter this week, keep in mind that God has lessons for you to learn from it.

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19: 1-4

Examine –

1. Who was king of Israel at this time?
2. The man is from which tribe?
3. Where was this man living?
4. His concubine was from where?
5. When the concubine left him, to whose house did she go?
6. How long was she away?
7. Did her husband come to her in kindness or anger?
8. Was her father happy to see him?
9. How long did he stay with her father (up to verse 4)?

Apply-

The Levite displayed remarkable forgiveness in his decision to seek and re-claim his unfaithful concubine. Do you ever think about how much God has forgiven you?

How well do you do at forgiving other people?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19:5-10

Examine –

1. Verse 5 starts on what day of the Levite's visit?
2. Who convinced the Levite to delay his departure?
3. What motivation to delay his departure did the father give him?
(Hint: "...let thine heart be _____.")
4. How many days total did the Levite stay with his father-in-law?
5. What time of day did the group depart from the father-in-law's house?
6. Who else is in this group, besides the Levite and his concubine?
7. At what city did they arrive in verse 10?
8. What is another name for the city Jebus?
9. How many animals were part of this group?

Apply-

The Devil will try to slow you down by offering you ways to “make your heart merry”. What are some of these distractions/ offers in your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19:11-15

Examine –

1. Around what time of day did they arrive at Jebus?
2. Who wanted to spend the night at Jebus?
3. What group of people inhabited Jebus?
4. Were these people Israelites?
5. Why did the Levite not want to spend the night in Jebus?
6. What two near-by cities did the Levite suggest?
7. In what city did they end up staying?
8. Why did they pick this city?
9. This city belonged to what tribe?
10. Why did they sit down in the streets of the city?

Apply-

Notice the results of the delay at Bethlehem-Judah: They were forced to spend the night in an inhospitable city. The earlier “merry-making” resulted in a night of discomfort, which is about to get worse. What kind of warning should you take for yourself?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19:16-21

Examine –

1. Where had the old man been working?
2. This man was from what region?
3. Who else was from this same region?
4. “The men of the place were _____ “?
5. Did the Levite’s group have plenty of food?
6. What did the Levite’s company lack?
7. Did the old man give them only what they were lacking?
8. Explain.

9. Did the old man give cheerfully or grudgingly?

Apply-

Hospitality should be characteristic of a Christian, as well as generosity. Notice the following verses: Proverbs 19:17; 1 Timothy 3:2; Hebrews 13:2; 1 John 3:17.

Honestly inspect yourself: Are you characterized by hospitality and generosity or by an uncaring selfishness?

How are these displayed in your life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19:22-26

Examine –

1. The men who surrounded the house are called “sons of _____”.
2. What did these men demand of the old man?
3. The old man described their intentions as being _____.
4. What reason did the old man give for refusing their demands?
5. What alternative did the old man give the men?
6. Did the men want his alternative?
7. When did the men release the concubine?
8. Homosexuality is here called _____ (vs. 23), _____ (vs. 23), and _____ (vs. 24).

Apply-

Notice how evil men love darkness: The men came at night and released the concubine once it began to get light.

Beware lest your sin results in being treated as your actions show you to be! She played the harlot (vs. 2), and now she is being treated as such.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Judges 19:27-30

Examine –

1. At what time of day did the Levite get up to leave?
2. What was the Levite's first thought when he saw his concubine?
3. What did the Levite do when his concubine did not answer him?
4. Did the Levite go home?
5. What did the Levite do with the body of his concubine?
6. Why did the Levite pick the number twelve?
7. What was the reaction of all who saw this?

Apply-

The Levite finally manages to depart early in the day. If he had done so the day or two before, this entire tragedy could have been avoided. “Spur-of-the-moment” decisions and distractions can have devastating consequences! How can you safe-guard yourself in this area?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 1:10

Read – Review

Examine –

1. List the four main characters in this story?
2. Why did the Levite travel to Bethlehem-Judah?
3. How many days did he spend there?
4. Which two characters were from Mount Ephraim?
5. What main tragic event occurs in this story?
6. Where does this tragedy occur?

Apply-

List a couple decisions made in this story that had long-term consequences.

What main lesson(s) did you learn from this chapter?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 20

Proverbs 28:13

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:
but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

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Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20: 1-7

Examine –

- Remember all of Israel is gathering because of what happened in chapter 19. Reread 19:29-30

1. Who came together?
2. Where did they meet?
3. How many chief fighting men were there?
4. Who heard about the meeting?
5. Who recounted the story for them?
6. Where did the situation take place?
7. What in essence had they done?
8. Who cut her up?
9. What two words does he use to describe their sin?
10. What were the people now to do?

Apply-

Sin always affects everyone. An entire nation is now called to act because of a handful of people.

Who does your sin usually affect?

Do you really know all the people your sin affects?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20:8-17

Examine –

1. Were they unified on this matter?
2. What % were they going to take of the men?
3. What were these men going to do?
4. To whom did they send a message?
5. What did they want?
6. What was Benjamin's answer?
7. How many men did Benjamin have?
8. 700 of them had a special gift, what was it?
9. How many men did Israel have?
10. What were all of these?

Apply-

The middle of verse 13 tells us Israel's motivation for doing this, what is it?

How do you show this attitude in your own life?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20:18-25

Examine –

1. What did Israel now do?

Note: It appears that Israel has a right attitude and approach to this.

2. Who was to go first into battle?
3. When did the battle start?
4. Where was the battle?
5. Who won the first day?
6. How many Israelites were killed?
7. What did Israel do among themselves?
8. How did they fight the 2nd day?
9. What did Israel do before God till even?
10. Did God want them to continue to fight?
11. How many did they kill the 2nd day?

Apply-

Israel was in the right, and God wanted them to fight, but some still died. You may be in the center of God's will and still have difficulty and pain. You still must do right. Many times we say something like, "Well I lost my temper because I am tired or sick". There is no excuse for not obeying God.

When are you tempted to make excuses for your sin? Give some examples.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20: 26-35

Examine –

1. Where did they go when they were in trouble?
2. What two things did they do before God?
3. What two things did they offer God?
4. What was with Israel in those days?
5. Who was priest?
6. What did God tell them would happen the 3rd day?
7. Did they change their battle plan?
8. What changed?
9. What did Israel make Benjamin think?
10. How many Israelites died?
11. After Benjamin was drawn from the city, what did the ambush do?
12. How many chosen men went against Gibeah?
13. How many men did Israel kill of Benjamin?
14. How many are left (verse 15)?

Apply-

Good finally prevails. It always will. Which side are you on?
It would be kind of foolish to knowingly pick the losing team, wouldn't it?

What can you do to switch to or stay on the winning side?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20:36-42

Examine –

1. What did Benjamin realize?
2. What did the “liars in wait” conquer?
3. What did they do to the city? (verses 37 and 40)
4. What was the sign between the two groups?
5. When did Benjamin realize they were in trouble?
6. What came on the Benjamites?
7. Where did they flee?
8. What overtook them?
9. Where did they destroy them?

Apply-

It is important to communicate no matter what you are doing. Are you a good communicator?

What are some ways we communicate?

What are some ways you can better the communication lines between the following:

Your parents:

Your brothers and sisters:

Your teachers:

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Judges 20: 43-48

Examine –

1. What did they do to Benjamin?
2. Gibeah was located in what direction (north, south, east or west)?
3. How many men died in the initial battle?
4. What was the description of these men?
5. To what rock did they flee?
6. How many were killed in the roads?
7. Where were 2000 more killed?
8. How many men went to the rock?
9. How long were they there?
10. What did they do to all the cities?

Apply-

Sin always costs! We never know the cost up front. It is always higher than you want to pay, but by that time it is too late. Have you begun to pay?

You can keep from paying more later by making the right choices now. What choices do you need to make this week?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 28:13

Read – Review

Examine –

1. In a nutshell, what is this war all about?
2. Who is against whom?
3. What are the numbers on each side?
4. How many die on both sides?
5. Who wins day 1 and 2?
6. Who wins day 3?
7. What did they do to win day 3?
8. What was the sign to turn the battle?
9. What did they do to all the cities?
10. How could all this have been avoided?

Apply-

How have you been willing to cover for other people's sins?

What are you willing to pay?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

JUDGES 21

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

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I COR. 10:31

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:1-4

Examine –

- This is a continuation of the last two chapters. It's important to keep this in context.

1. What vow did Israelite men make?
2. Where did they make the vow?
3. Where did they go after battle?
4. How long were they there?
5. What did they do there?
6. Why were they weeping?
7. When did they get up the next day?
8. Why did they get up early?
9. What two types of offerings did they make?

Apply-

They stood against wrong and defended right but it broke their hearts. They didn't enjoy it.

Do you enjoy seeing someone get punished or get what they deserve?

Look up Proverbs 24:17 and 17:5b and write them below.

We should never rejoice at others' calamities.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:5-7

Examine –

1. What did the Israelites want to find out?

2. What would happen if they found any?

NOTE: This is at least the 2nd vow we know they made.

3. Who repented in verse 6?

4. What does that word mean in this context?

5. Was there any left of Benjamin?

6. What did they not have?

Fact: This presents a long-range problem, because Benjamin could not reproduce.

Apply-

It appears to me that Israel is now trying to work as problem solvers for Benjamin. They are seeking to restore. How do you seek to restore those who are wrong?

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:8-11

Examine –

1. Who had not come up to battle with them? (Remember verse 5)
2. What does it mean for them to be numbered?
(You may need to research or call your pastor or mentor for help with this.)
3. How many men of Jabesh-Gilead were there?
4. How many men did they send?
5. What was the character of these men during battle?
6. What were they to do?
7. Who specifically were they to kill?

THINK: The sin that happened back in chapter 19 is affecting another group of people.

Apply-

Apparently the people of Jabesh-Gilead refused to come help in the battle. We don't know all the circumstances. Do you turn a deaf ear to sin or do you act when you can?

Do you ignore others' sin when you should lovingly confront it?

When was the last time you confronted a friend about an area he/she needed to change in their life? (Give some details. Do not give the name of the person.)

Of course we need to have our own lives right with God first. Do you have unresolved sin in your heart now Take care of this now.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:12-15

Examine –

1. What did they find among the inhabitants?
2. How did they describe a virgin?
3. Where did they bring the girls?
4. Where was Benjamin hiding?
5. What did the congregation send to them?
6. How did they speak?
7. What did they give to Benjamin?
8. Was this enough for all to have a wife? (20:47)
9. Again, the Bible emphasizes the people _____ for Benjamin.

Apply-

Girls, put yourselves in the place of these who didn't choose to sin in chapter 19, who had no choice in the decision not to go to battle and now have all their family killed and be forced to marry men they may never have seen before. Why did this happen??? Because others sinned. PLEASE see your sin always affects others. Tell some ways your sin has affected others in the past.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:16-19

Examine –

1. With what question are they still concerned?
2. What did they not want destroyed out of Israel?
3. They were not allowed to _____ their daughters.
NOTE: This word is important as the elders of Israel work at a loophole in their vow.
4. Where was a feast going to take place?
5. How often was this feast?
6. What kind of feast was it?
7. It was north of_____.

Notice the detail God gives here.

Apply-

We have been talking about sin affecting others. Yesterday you told how your sin affected someone else in the past. Today, tell how someone else's sin has affected you.

This should help you see the seriousness of our own sin.

Prayer: _____

Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Judges 21:20-25

Examine –

1. Where was Benjamin to hide?
2. What would the daughters of Shiloh come and do?
3. What were the 200 remaining men to do?
4. Where were they to go?
5. Who would intervene for them?
6. Would the men of Shiloh be guilty of breaking the vow?
 - This was a tricky way to get around their vow. The men didn't give their daughters. The daughters were taken, so the fathers were innocent of the vow.
7. Did Benjamin get its wives?
8. What did they do to their cities?
9. What happened to the assembly at Shiloh?
10. What did Israel not have?
11. How did they govern themselves?

Apply-

Is this how you govern yourself?

If so, you will face the hardships that this book talks about.

Name some ways you can submit to God's governing hand.

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Weekly memory verse – Judges 21:25

Read – Review

Examine –

1. How many vows did Israel make?
2. 'Where did the vows take place?
3. What do they do after the battle?
4. What does the remnant of Benjamin not have that Israel is concerned about?
5. Who did not have representatives at the battle?
6. What does Israel do to them?
7. How many virgins do they find there?
8. Does Benjamin accept people and take the new wives?
9. Ultimately where did the rest of Benjamin get its wives?
10. Where did they live?
11. How did Israel live in those days?

Apply-

As we look back over the whole book of Judges, we see two primary things –

- God judges sin.
- God forgives the sinner.

Are you choosing God's judgement or God's forgiveness in your life?

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Praise: _____

Main thought to meditate on today: _____
