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BOOK: Judges

Opening Questions:

- a. How can you tell if someone knows something?
- b. What is hardest test you have taken? Name some issues that made it difficult.
- c. Describe a practice your consider “evil” versus just “bad”
- d. Name something that isn’t good for you, but you refuse to give up.

Discussion Questions:

Chapter: 2:

1. Who is the angel of the Lord? (Exodus 3:2-6, Genesis 16:7-10)
2. Is there any connection between Gilgal and what the angel of the Lord declares here? (Josh. 4:20, Josh 5).
3. What instruction was given to the people of Israel? What were the consequences of their disobedience? (Deut 12:3, Deut 7:2, Josh. 23:15)
4. When the people wept were they truly repentant? Have we seen this behavior before? (2 Corinthians 7:10). Can you give an example in a modern context of this principle?
5. Which generation is referred to in verse 10? (Numbers 13:31)
6. In what way might they have not “known” the Lord? Whose responsible for the lapse?
7. From the text, identify the actions that were called “evil.” (Josh 24:16–18, 24)

8. Summarize the cycle described in verses 11-19. Why do you think the people followed God while Joshua and the elders were alive, but then turned away after they died?

9. Name some factors why the Israelites turned to idol worship.
10. Discuss factors as to why the new generation did not know the Lord. Is anyone responsible?
11. What were the Baals and Asherah’s? Is there anything about them that made them especially abhorrent to God? (Jer. 19:5, 1 Kings 16:31-33, Deut. 12:3)
12. Describe the “test” in verse 21.

Chapter 3

13. Do verses 1-6 change your understanding of why the Israelites could not drive out some of the pagan nations in chapter 1?
14. Do you agree with God’s strategy of allowing the nations to remain to “test” the Israelites? (Lev 26:37; Deut 28:25.) Does he do this today?
15. Given the listing of the nations in verse 3, which tribes were affected? Are any of the nations familiar?(Exodus 3:8; 23:23; Deut 7:1–2)
16. How would you characterize the Israelite response to the test? (verse 6) (Josh 23:12; Ex. 34:16; Deut. 7:3)
17. How long were the people under the King of Mesopotamia? Why?
18. How was Othniel successful? How did the Israelites benefit?