



“THE STORY”- CHAPTER 8 – “A Few Good Men...and Women”

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Joshua (Promised Land)

1380 BC ←

Judges (330 years)

Saul (1st King)

→ 1050 BC

“After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they went to take possession of the land, each to their own inheritance. ⁷ The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel. ⁸ Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. ⁹ And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.” Judges 2:6-10

“Joshua’s leadership failed at only one major point: He left no “Joshua” to follow him, as he had followed Moses. Joshua did not reproduce his leadership in someone else. Consequently, the Book of Judges records a time of anarchy when ‘everyone did what was right in his own eyes’ (Judges 21:25).”
John Maxwell in “The Leadership Study Bible”

By failing to drive out the Canaanites, it led to these consequences:

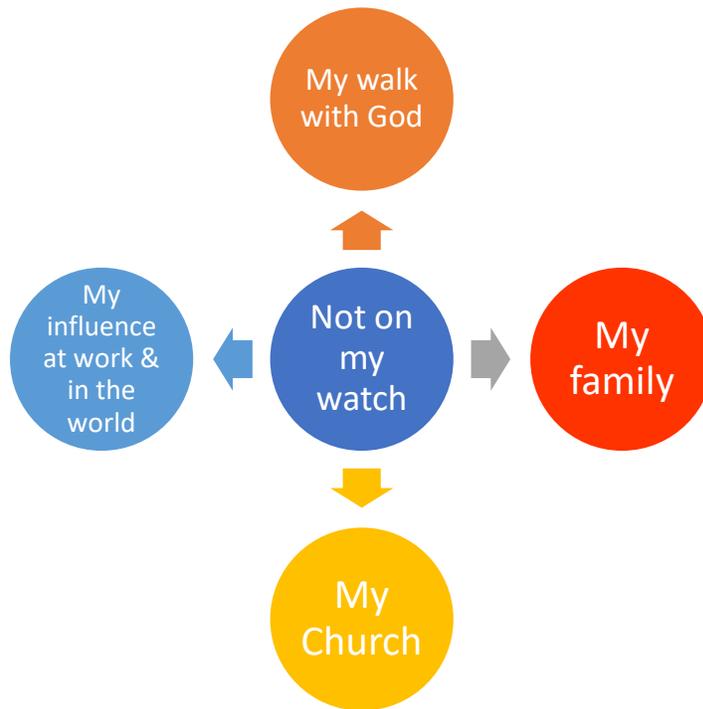
- Spiritually compromising marriages and diluted faith
- Spiritual apathy
- Tribal strife
- Rampant idolatry
- Defeat and lack of protection
- Entire generations lost with no relationship with God
- Failure to enjoy the peace and provision God had planned for them

“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death.” Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)

“In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.” Judges 21:25 (NLT)

5 Words for 2020: “I will be with you.” (from last week)

4 Words for securing a lasting spiritual legacy: “ _____!” (for this week)



“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4 (NIV)

“You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.”
2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

So, what is the good news in Judges?

Answer: Crisis creates _____.
Remember: revival never comes out of good times!

“But when they cried out to the LORD, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them.” Judges 3:9 (NIV)

Meet Deborah:

“Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. ² So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. ³ Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help. ⁴ Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.” Judges 4:1-4 (NIV)

Key Insight: Never underestimate the _____ of a godly woman.

Meet Gideon:

“Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help...When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”” Judges 6:6,12 (NIV)

Question: Where do you need God to move you _____ to trust?