## Judges – Faithful God, Flawed People



5-Day Devotional: Remembering God in Our Daily Lives

Based on the Sermon: "When We Forget God" - Judges 2:1-3:6

#### **Day 1: The Danger of Forgetting God**

Scripture: Judges 2:10 (NLT)

"After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things He had done for Israel."

#### Reflection:

Forgetting God isn't just about losing memory—it's about losing relationship. The Israelites had witnessed God's miracles, yet they failed to pass their faith to the next generation. The same danger exists today. When we neglect daily time with God, we risk spiritual decline.

### Application:

- Think of a time when you clearly saw God move in your life.
- Write it down as a reminder for yourself and share it with someone this week.

•	Pray and ask God to help you remember His faithfulness daily.

#### Prayer:

Lord, help me to never forget what You have done. Remind me of Your faithfulness, and help me pass my faith to others. Amen.

# Scripture: Judges 2:11-12 (NASB) "Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals, and they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers." Reflection: Israel didn't turn away from God overnight—it started with small compromises. They allowed the influence of other nations, tolerated sin, and eventually abandoned God completely. Likewise, when we allow "little sins" to go unchecked, they can grow into full-blown rebellion. Application: Ask yourself: Are there areas in my life where I've compromised? Identify one area where you need to return fully to God. • Confess it to God and take steps to remove that compromise.

Day 2: The Slow Fade of Compromise

#### Prayer:

Father, I don't want to slowly drift from You. Show me where I have compromised and give me the strength to turn back fully to You. Amen.

Day 3: Modern-Day Idolatry		
Scripture: Exodus 20:3 (ESV) 'You shall have no other gods before Me."		
Reflection: dolatry isn't just bowing to statues—it's anything that takes God's place in our hearts. Money, success, relationships, entertainment, or even fear can become idols if we prioritize them over God. Israel worshiped Baal and Ashtaroth, but today's culture worships power, pleasure, and personal freedom.		
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What competes for your attention and devotion?		
Take time to refocus your heart on God today.		
<ul> <li>Make a practical change (e.g., limit social media, prioritize prayer, fast from distractions).</li> </ul>		

God, I want You to be first in my life. Help me recognize and remove anything that competes for my worship. Amen.

Day 4: The Cycle of Sin & Deliverance	
■ Scripture: Judges 2:18 (NASB) "When the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies."	
Preflection:  Israel kept falling into a cycle: sin → suffering → crying out → deliverance → peace → back to sin. Sound familiar? We often do the same—turning to God when we're in trouble, but forgetting Him when things are good. The good news is that God never stops rescuing us. His mercy is new every morning!	
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Where are you in this cycle? Be honest with yourself.	
If you're struggling, cry out to God today. He is always ready to deliver you.	
Memorize Lamentations 3:22-23 as a reminder of God's mercy.	

Lord, I don't want to keep repeating the same mistakes. Help me break free from cycles of sin and walk in Your grace every day. Amen.

Day 5: The Ultimate Deliverer – Jesus		
Scripture: Romans 10:9 (NIV) "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."		
PReflection: Judges were temporary deliverers, but Jesus is the ultimate Deliverer. He didn't just save us from earthly oppression—He saved us from sin and death itself. No matter how far we've strayed, Jesus is ready to restore us.		
▲ Application:		
<ul> <li>Have you fully surrendered your life to Jesus? If not, today is the day!</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>If you have, how can you deepen your relationship with Him?</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>Share your testimony with someone who needs to hear about Jesus' saving grace.</li> </ul>		

Jesus, thank You for rescuing me. I surrender my life to You. Help me to live in the freedom You've given me and share Your love with others. Amen.

Final Challenge: This week, don't just read these devotionals—live them out. Set a reminder on your phone or write down key takeaways to keep God's Word fresh in your heart.
Memory Verse for the Week: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." – Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)
Stay strong in faith, and remember: When we forget God, He never forgets us! 🙌

God, I am so grateful that Your faithfulness doesn't depend on mine. Even when I fall short, You remain the same. Help me to walk in the confidence of Your love and grace. Amen.