

Judges – Faithful God, Flawed People



5-Day Devotional: Judges through the lens of Jesus

Week 7 – Pastor Holly Snoreen

Day 1: Seeing Through the Right Lens

Scripture:

"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." —
Judges 21:25 (NASB)

Reflection:

The book of Judges shows the devastating results of people following their own desires instead of submitting to God. Time and time again, Israel turned away from the Lord, believing they knew better. But their way led to pain, chaos, and destruction.

Today, we live in a society where people still do what is right in their own eyes. Whether it's self-indulgence, pride, or following cultural trends over God's Word, we see the same pattern of sin and consequence. But as believers, we have the lens of Jesus—we don't have to follow the world's way. We can submit to His perfect wisdom.

Application:

- Ask yourself: Am I living by my own wisdom or God's truth?
- Pray for discernment to see life through the lens of Christ.
- Write down Judges 21:25 as a reminder to seek God's guidance, not your own understanding.

Prayer:

Jesus, I don't want to live by what seems right to me—I want to live by Your truth. Help me to see through Your eyes and follow Your ways. Amen.

Day 2: Jesus, The Perfect Judge

Scripture:

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." — John 5:30 (NASB)

Reflection:

The judges of Israel were flawed—some started strong but fell into sin. Gideon took revenge. Samson was reckless. Jephthah made a foolish vow. But Jesus is the perfect and righteous Judge. He never wavered. Every decision He made was in complete obedience to the Father.

If we trust in Christ, we are no longer under the rule of our sin. We don't have to keep repeating the cycle of failure. We have a Judge who is just, merciful, and leads us into truth.

Application:

- Think about an area where you've been making decisions without seeking God.
- Ask God to align your heart with His will.
- Meditate on John 5:30, knowing that Jesus judges righteously.

Prayer:

Jesus, You are the perfect Judge. I surrender my decisions to You. Help me to seek Your will over my own. Amen.

Day 3: The Savior We Truly Need

 **Scripture:**

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." — Luke 19:10 (NASB)

 **Reflection:**

The people of Israel needed more than just temporary deliverance from their enemies—they needed salvation from their sin. The judges rescued them for a moment, but they couldn’t change their hearts. Jesus came to do what no human leader could: save us for eternity.

When we put our trust in Jesus, we don’t just escape judgment—we are transformed. Our sin no longer defines us. We are given new life, true freedom, and lasting hope.

 **Application:**

- Have you been seeking temporary fixes instead of lasting transformation?
- Write down Luke 19:10 as a reminder that Jesus alone is your Savior.
- Thank God for rescuing you, not just from trouble, but from sin itself.

 **Prayer:**

Jesus, You are the Savior I need. Thank You for seeking me, loving me, and setting me free from sin. Amen.

Day 4: Putting Away Our Idols

Scripture:

"So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord." — Judges 10:16 (NASB)

Reflection:

Israel’s biggest problem wasn’t their enemies—it was their idolatry. They kept turning to false gods, thinking they could serve both the Lord and their desires. But true repentance meant letting go.

We may not worship carved idols today, but we often put other things above God—our comfort, our pride, our desires. What is competing for first place in your heart? It’s time to put it away and serve the Lord fully.

Application:

- Identify one “idol” in your life—something that takes priority over God.
- Commit to surrendering it to the Lord this week.
- Write Judges 10:16 as a reminder that true repentance means action.

Prayer:

Lord, I don’t want anything to take Your place in my heart. Help me to put away my idols and serve You alone. Amen.

Day 5: Living for Christ Alone

Scripture:

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." — Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

Reflection:

Following Jesus isn't just about belief—it's about transformation. We are not who we used to be. We don't live for ourselves anymore. Christ lives in us.

This means our choices, our desires, and our priorities should reflect Him. We don't turn back to our old ways. Instead, we walk forward in faith, trusting that Jesus is enough.

Application:

- Ask yourself: Am I living for myself or for Christ?
- Write a personal declaration: "I am not who I was—I am who Christ says I am."
- Meditate on Galatians 2:20 and let it shape your perspective.

Prayer:

Jesus, I don't want to live for myself—I want to live for You. Thank You for transforming me and making me new. Amen.
