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BOOK: Judges 10-11:27

Opening Questions:

- a. Name a bad habit you find yourself returning to, even though you vowed to quit it.
- b. Is there a person that have no trouble forgiving, no matter what they do?
- c. What is a skill you admire in other people that you don't have yourself?
- d. Do you know someone who tends to revise history? How do you handle them?

Chapter 10: Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think this Book contains "minor" judges? Is their inclusion any indication of the spiritual health during this time?
2. Do you think that Jair and Tola were good judges? Is there anything in the text to indicate either way?
3. Do you see a familiar pattern here? (verse 6)?
4. Discuss the reasons why the Israelites keep repeating the same mistakes, i.e., idolatry.
5. What is the irony of the Israelites worshipping these pagan gods?
6. What does it mean that God "sold them" to their enemies? (verse 7)
7. Is there a link between polytheism, human spirituality, and gullibility?
8. Why do you think the Israelites cried out to God at that time?

9. Discuss God's response to Israel's cries for help in verses 11-14. Is his response different than previous times? If so, why? (*Deut. 31:16-18; Jonah 2:8; Jeremiah 2:26-28*)

10. How did Israel change's God's mind? Was God "worn down" by their prayers or something else?
11. Are there differences from how the Israelites acted in previous cycles?
12. Do you think Israel fully trusted God? Why or why not?

Chapter 11

13. Discuss Jephtha's upbringing. Is it similar or dissimilar to Abimelech's?
14. Are the backgrounds of the Judges, minor or major reflective of the state of Israel?
15. How would you characterize Jephthah's friends? Can you think of the kinds of things they were engaged in?
16. What prompted the elders to ask Jephthah to lead them? How does request differ from Abimelech's?
17. How does Jephthah respond? Did he have a right to have concerns?
18. Summarize the Ammonites claims. (see verses 13-27)
19. Is this account accurate?
20. Discuss Jephthah's approach. What do we learn about Jephthah from his letter to the Ammonite king?
21. What is the fundamental reason for not returning the land to them?