

Upcoming Events & Reminders

- **Today**
 - **Faith Bible Institute Interest Meeting**—following service in Fellowship Hall
- **October 31st**
 - **Refuge Scavenger Hunt** – 1:00pm-4:00pm
- **November 4th**
 - **Refuge Bob Jones University Takeover** – 7pm
- **November 6th**
 - **Legendary Ladies Meeting** – 9:30am
- **November 6th – 7th**
 - **Men's Retreat** – @ Camp Snyder
- **November 14th**
 - **BBC Kids Glow in the Dark Day** – 11:00am-1:00pm
- **November 18th**
 - **AWANA Scarecrow Night** – 7:00pm
- **November 20th – 22nd**
 - **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**
- **November 22nd**
 - **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Return Day**

Events Sign Up



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Judges 3:1-11

1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof; 3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. 4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: 6 And *they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. 7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves. 8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years. 9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. 10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. 11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

SERMON NOTES

In the Time of the Judges – Week 3

Judges 2:20 - 3:11

Big Idea: Our usefulness depends on our distinctiveness.

God has never called His people to simply blend in with the world around them. He has called us to be _____.

1. The Test (Judges 2:20–3:4)

- God used the nations He allowed to remain to _____, His people.
- Tests can be passed or failed! But a test always has a purpose: it forces us to _____.
- Obedience is evidence of _____, not profession. (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3)

2. The Failure (Judges 3:5–7)

- Israel failed culturally, domestically, and _____.
 - Your _____ matter. (Proverbs 13:20)
 - Who you _____ matters. (2 Corinthians 6:14)
 - Your _____ matter. (Matthew 6:24)
- The progression started with where they lived, moved to who they loved, and ended with what they _____.
- What is it that makes us distinct from the world? The only true difference is _____. (1 Peter 2:9)

3. The Deliverer (Judges 3:8–11)

- God _____ our pain and suffering, and He also _____ our cry for help. (Exodus 2:23; 2 Chron. 7:14)
- He heard the cry of His people and raised up a deliverer to save them. The deliverer raised up was _____.
- Victory was assured by the presence and power of _____.
- Never underestimate the good that one person can do who is filled with the Holy Spirit of God and obedient to the will of God.

Reflect: Does my life point people toward Jesus?