



PRONE TO WANDER | A SERIES IN JUDGES

# JUDGES 1:1-2:5

## Introduction: Context

1. The continuing conquest (1:1-26)
2. The stalled conquest (1:27-36)
3. The supernatural warning (2:1-5)
4. The call for today

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Please explain.
3. What was your familiarity with the book of Judges before Sunday?
  - a. Judges has a bleak reputation. How are you expecting to see God working in Christ even through such a dark book?
  - b. What are you anticipating to "get" out of this book?
4. On Sunday we learned how the house of Joseph did what "made sense", but not what God commanded.
  - a. Have you ever done this? Why didn't it work out?
  - b. What areas is the church often tempted to do "what works" today?
5. On Sunday we saw how the Israelites had a useless repentance. They wept over their sin, but it didn't go anywhere.
  - a. Have you ever had seasons where you had sorrow for your sin, but no growth or true change? What do you think stopped the sorrow from turning into action?
  - b. Read Hebrews 12:14-17. What is the danger of remaining in sin, even if we feel sorry for it or shed tears?
  - c. Although sorrow for sin is not enough, we know that true repentance is no less than sorrow. Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-12. What should sorrow produce? How does true sorrow for sin lead us to true repentance?
    - In verse 11, Paul lists 7 things that Godly grief produces. What do these things look like practically or in action?
  - d. Have you ever experienced this sort of repentance?
  - e. Is there anywhere that you need to experience this type of repentance today?
6. When we're "stuck at Bochim", and feel like we're spinning our tires with sin, even though we have sorrow, how can we take advantage of one another's help to be free and find true repentance that leads to life?
7. Pray for one another that God would produce in us a Godly grief that leads to life. Ask God to help us walk together in a repentance that means something.

**Next Week's Passage: Judges 2:6-3:6**