

PRONE TO WANDER | A SERIES IN JUDGES

# JUDGES 3:7-31

Intro: Spoiler Alerts

1. Othniel (3:7-11)

- a. The Sin Cycle (vv. 7-8)
- b. The Ideal Leader (vv. 9-10)
- c. The Rest (v. 11)

2. Ehud

- a. The Sin Cycle (vv. 12-14)
- b. The Killing of the King (vv. 15-25)
- c. The Battle for Freedom (vv. 26-30)

3. Shamgar (v. 31)

Conclusion: Unlikely Saviours

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. On Sunday we looked at three unlikely candidates to serve God & make an impact.
  - a. What's one way you may fill in this blank: "God may not use me because \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - b. To flip the question, how may God use that weakness to bring Himself glory or encourage another saint?
  - c. Do you have an example of a time when God was glorified, or someone was encouraged because of your weakness?
4. Many people feel like their weakness, sin, or situation is special or unique from others around them, which often leads to a feeling of disqualification to be used, which leads to idleness.
  - a. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. How does this challenge hesitation to serve because of weakness or past failures?
  - b. How does 2 Timothy 2:20-21 bring balance here?; According to these verses, who is welcome to cleanse themselves for honourable use?
  - c. Come up with a summary statement together to harmonize these two realities:
    1. God using anyone despite past, weakness, or situation.
    2. Being commended to purify ourselves to be ready for use.
5. On Sunday we looked at the temporary peace that was brought by the judges of Israel, and reflected on the fact that Jesus brings an eternal peace that lasts generation upon generation with no end.
  - a. Read Revelation 21:1-7;22-27 & 22:1-5;14-15
  - b. Contrast this city with Israel during the book of Judges
  - c. Take some time to consider together the eternal peace that Jesus is bringing us, just by talking about it & encouraging one another with it's reality.
6. Pray for one another that, no matter your past, you all would purify yourselves to be used by God & be found worthy to enter the holy city of everlasting peace.

**Next Week's Passage: Judges 4:1-24**