

## Remember the Great Works of God – Do you still hear the calling of God?

### Judges 9 & 10

1. Background/Context
  - a. Last time, we stopped at Gideon's fall in Judges chapter 8.
  - b. Chapter 9 is about a civil war within Gideon's family. His one son Abimelech and Gideon's 70 sons.
  - c. Chapter 10 – Tola, and Jair,
  - d. The condition of Israel was worse than before. They did evil in the eyes of the Lord.
  - e. <sup>16</sup> Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the Lord. And he could bear Israel's misery no longer. 10:16
  - f. The character of God
  - g. Chapter 11, introduction of Jephthah.
  - h. V1-3 background unlikely hero
  - i. Do you still hear the calling of God?
  - j. V12-29 political and negotiation skills
  - k. V32-33 military success 20 towns
  
2. Areas/characters that God wants to grow us?
  - a. When we got called by God, it's a privilege, because God wants to grow us.
  - b. It's an opportunity to grow closer to God, more depend on God
  - c. To be whole. More like Jesus
  - d. What areas could Jephthah grow?
    - i. Avoid Power Hunger v4-11 (insecurity)
    - ii. Avoid needing extra/external affirmation - carelessly made a vow with God v30-31
      1. Unfaithful to God's law – offer human sacrifice (bind God)
      2. Unjust to others – killing innocent people
      3. The Spirit of the Lord came on Jephthah. V29
      4. God was with him, and still not enough.
      5. What areas does God want us to grow today?
      6. Do we have the Spirit of the Lord today?
      7. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 Cor. 3:16
      8. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Gal. 4:6
      9. Bind God or the spirit of God is enough?
  
3. What's wholeness in God looks like? V34-40
  - a. Humility – Lev 5:1-6; repent; offer an offering; ask for forgiveness; don't do that that V35 vow to God that cannot break
  - b. Submissive – went away to weep and back to fulfill her role
  - c. Type of Christ, Jephthah's only daughter (JD) – innocent victim, Jesus Christ (JC) was an innocent victim; JD. and JC. are sacrifices.
  - d. Lamenting/Weeping a number of times, a call to repentance, confronting the terrible consequences of idolatry and disobedience.

- e. Jephthah – idolatry – himself; disobedience – unfaithful to God’s law; bind God
- f. Call to repentance
- g. Do we grow in humility and submissive to God? That’s part of the wholeness package.

Summary:

1. The character of God 10:16
2. God can call anyone despite their condition, are you hearing God’s calling today?
3. What areas/characters is God wanting for you to grow?
4. Do you have the self-awareness? Do you give those areas to God? Like humility, submissiveness?
5. Is God’s spirit enough?
6. Repentance, what is God calling you to repent today for yourself, your family, your company; your city; your country, your world? of How terrible the consequence of idolatry and disobedience towards God?