



LIVING THE PROMISE: When God Refuses to Quit

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Judges 21:25 NLT

1. WHEN GOD IS REMOVED, MORAL CLARITY DISAPPEARS

While they were enjoying themselves, a crowd of troublemakers from the town surrounded the house. They began beating at the door and shouting to the old man, “Bring out the man who is staying with you so we can have sex with him.”

Judges 19:22 NLT

When God is removed as the standard, people don’t just drift – they dehumanize.

2. SIN IS MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

⁸And all the people rose to their feet in unison and declared, “None of us will return home! No, not even one of us! ⁹Instead, this is what we will do to Gibeah; we will draw lots to decide who will attack it.”

Judges 20:8-9 NLT

But Benjamin’s warriors, who were defending the town, came out and killed 22,000 Israelites on the battlefield that day.

Judges 20:21 NLT

When sin is left unchecked, it doesn’t stay personal – it fractures everything.

3. WHEN PEOPLE PLAY GOD, THEY CREATE WORSE SOLUTIONS

The Israelites had vowed at Mizpah, "We will never give our daughters in marriage to a man from the tribe of Benjamin."

Judges 21:1 NLT

¹⁰ So the assembly sent 12,000 of their best warriors to Jabesh-gilead with orders to kill everyone there, including women and children. ¹¹ "This is what you are to do," they said. "Completely destroy all the males and every woman who is not a virgin." ¹² Among the residents of Jabesh-gilead they found 400 young virgins who had never slept with a man, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh in the land of Canaan.

Judges 21:10-12 NLT

²⁰ They told the men of Benjamin who still needed wives, "Go and hide in the vineyards.

²¹ When you see the young women of Shiloh come out for their dances, rush out from the vineyards, and each of you can take one of them home to the land of Benjamin to be your wife!"

Judges 21:20-21 NLT

When we reject God's authority, even our solutions become part of the problem.

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When everyone does what is right in their own eyes, wrong no longer feels wrong.

4. GOD STILL DOESN'T QUIT

For the Lord took pity on his people...

Judges 2:18 NLT

There is no place you can drift where God's mercy cannot reach.