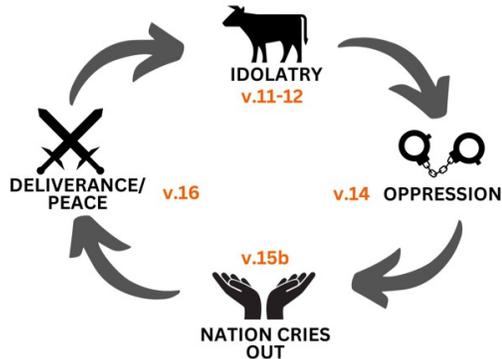


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Judges 2:6-3:6
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I. Cycle of the Judges

1. Idolatry – Oppression – Crying Out – Deliverance/Peace – Repeat



2. The Cycle repeats itself because they didn't "Know God".

Judges 2:10 – "After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel."

~ Head vs Heart Knowledge

II. What Do We "KNOW" About God Here?

1. Exclusive

Judges 2:11-12a - "And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them."

2. Jealous

Judges 2:12b - "And they provoked the LORD to anger."

3. Integrating

Judges 2:14-15 - "So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress."

4. **Gracious**

Judges 2:16 - *"Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them."*

5. **Savior**

Judges 2:18a - *"Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge."*

III. **The Heart Knowledge of God Encourages Us to Live Distinct from our World.**

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What are you most interested in exploring more in our study through the book of Judges? Why do you think so many people avoid a book like Judges?
2. Judges 2:10 shows us the reality of a missed transfer. ***If you are a parent***, how are you passing on your faith to your children? What has encouraged and challenged you today? ***If you're not a parent with children living at home***, how are you praying for and sharing your faith with younger generations in our church?
3. How have you seen the "Judges cycle" in your own Christian life? How does the reality of your sin and God's grace prompt you to praise and thank Him today?
4. Why is it important for us to know the difference between a Head and Heart knowledge of God? How does this impact the way that we live?
5. How can we deepen our Heart knowledge of God today? Share with the group some things you are doing personally or that you can be doing together as a group.
6. Why is it important for Christians to be distinct in our world today? How can it help and when can it hurt our testimonies?
7. Why is it so easy for some Christians to "blend in" and not be distinct from our world?

READ ROMANS 12:2 AS A GROUP.

8. Paul encourages us to be distinct from the world by "renewing our minds". How do we do this today?