

THE STORY



A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

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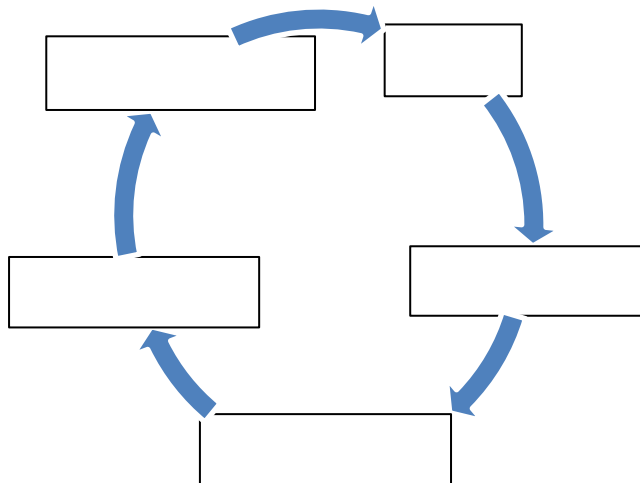
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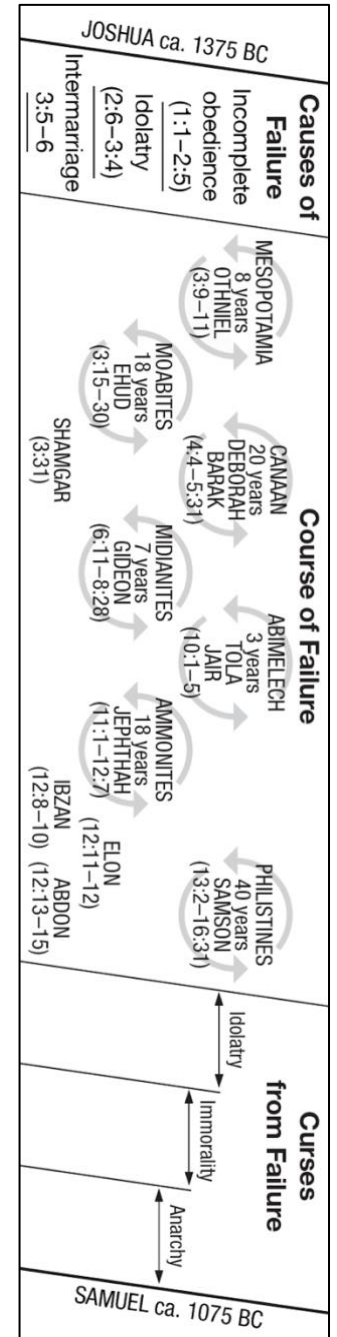
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Chapter 8: A Few Good Men...and Women

Sermon on March 20, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/Ch8FewGood>

Getting to Know Me

1. Who is your favorite movie or fiction hero? What makes them heroic? What makes them relatable or likeable?
2. Have you ever forgotten anything really important? What kind of problems occurred because of your memory lapse?

Digging Deeper

3. What insight or observation from Sunday's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
4. Read together Judges 2:10-11. What do you think happened that kept the children from knowing God the way their parents did? What lessons can we learn from that? How do we pass on our love for God to future generations?
5. Read Judges 2:16-19, which builds on what you just read in Judges 2:10-11. How do you see the cycle of sin, oppression, repentance, deliverance, and temporary faithfulness here.
6. How does this cycle illustrate humanity's character? What does it reveal about God's character?

7. Reflect on Acts 3:19. How does this verse illustrate the cycle found in Judges? Are there areas in your life you need to repent? What do you think the "times of refreshing" look like?
8. Which of the Judges do you like the most? Struggle with the most?
9. Many of the judges were seriously flawed. What do we learn about God that He still used these people? Share a time you've seen God shine through your weakness or brokenness.
10. Each week we're discovering that "all of scripture whispers Jesus' name." How do you see Jesus foreshadowed in Judges?

Where Do I Go from Here?

11. In what ways is sin leading to oppression in your life? In what specific ways do you need to see deliverance today?
12. Why do you think we too often take God's blessings for granted and slip into indifference, complacency, or even sin? Looking back to last week's conversation in Joshua and the stone memorial, how can remembering what God has done in the past help us stay focused on walking with God daily?

Prayer

Praise God that He is a God of redemption! Thank him for his great love that takes our weakness and uses it for his glory!

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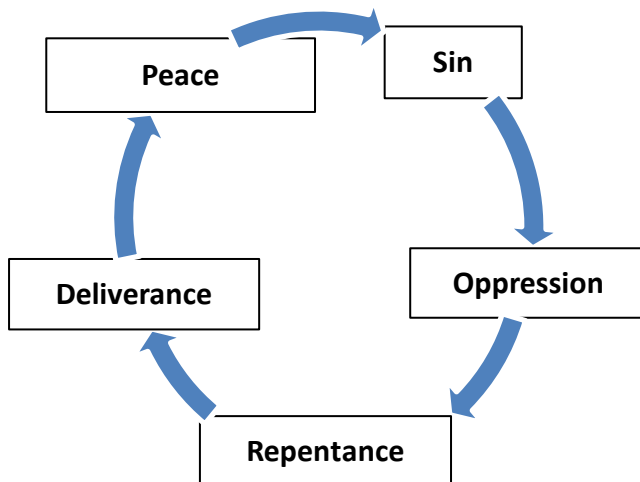
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