

Judges 3 - Lessons & Principles

1. God raised up Judges who delivered the Israelites out of their oppression because of His great love for His people. God did this not because Israel ever deserved to be delivered, but in spite of the fact that they were undeserving. This parallels closely with our situation also. God sent His Son Jesus to be our Judge and deliverer, even though we are totally underserving, but He loved the world so much...
2. Some people are in a constant state of crisis; God knows that is the only way they can be kept trusting in Him. Instead, God's desire is that we be in a constant relationship of dependence on Him. This is exactly how Jesus lived, as He said in John 5:19: *Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.*
3. "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." In our own experience we can attribute our failures to not recognizing Jesus as our King and Lord.
4. After setting their hearts on sinful things, Israel found that God *gave* what their sinful hearts desired. This illustrates the great danger of setting our hearts on sinful things; we may get to the point where God may allow us to have them – thus bringing sin, bondage, and pain into our lives.