

## Judges 11 Lessons and Principles

1. *No matter how clouded your background and no matter how much you are rejected by family and friends – God can still use you. I’m reminded of the genealogy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*
2. Don’t wait until you are in total distress to call on God, seek Him daily with all your needs. Don’t think that God doesn’t care about your small and trivial problems, God is infinite, nothing is too small or large for Him.
3. Mizpah (“watch”) the same place Jacob and Laban made an agreement – the idea was if you do wrong, or don’t abide by the terms, God will see it and you may be punished. God is omnipresent He sees all. (devotional story)
4. The source of Jephthah’s courage was in the Spirit of the Lord, when we are beset by fears and anxieties, call on the Spirit and fill your lives with Jesus. “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7).”
5. Never try to manipulate God to be on your side as Jephthah did, it is far better to be on God’s side than to persuade Him to be on your side. “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)?”
6. **“I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot go back on it”** is glorious and should be the word of every follower of Jesus Christ. “I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.”