

**All Rise - Judges 3:7-31**  
**Notes, Family Worship, Bible Reading**

**Notes from the Sermon**

We love a good warrior story. Adults and kids alike are captivated by heroic stories like the Lord of the Rings, the Chronicles of Narnia, Marvel's Avengers, and a host of others. Why do we love these types of stories? I think something inside of us loves to see justice done, to see the bad guy get what's coming to him, and to see the good guys win. We like to see the good guy become the hero, the sword wielding

You may have entered into our study of Judges thinking that these stories are like that, full of heroes that we can admire. But, what these heroic stories actually reveal to us is that God is the hero of the story, that God supplies the power and person to accomplish His tasks, which in these cases, are to deliver His sinful, rebellious people from their own wicked ways, remind them of His mercy and power, and set them back on the right path again.

In our text of Judges 3:7-31, we get the first three of the judges introduced in this complicated book, and honestly, the scripture doesn't go out of its way to paint them in a bad light. Othniel was a man likely disciplined by Joshua and Caleb, and he obeys God by driving out Israel's foes. Ehud, while his story is seriously gross, shows us that God can raise up anyone, even someone who is left-handed (sorry, left-handed people) to save a people who are also left-handed (don't be mad at me, it's Tim Keller's analogy!) Likely unable to use his right arm at all, his "weakness" was God's way to show His strength and defeat Israel's enemies. And Shamgar, he was "Sham-wow!" as he killed 600 Philistines with a tool every common shepherd and farmer would know how to use in their fields.

The stories all leave us, however, with one harsh truth: they died. If they had any flaw, it's that they couldn't live forever to continue to judge Israel. They needed a King who could live forever, who would live to continue to fight their battles for them, and always lead out in front for them. And in that, we see their stories pointing us to Jesus, who, on the Cross, defeats all our enemies on our behalf, crushing the head of the Serpent, and freeing us from our bondage to sin. Jesus is the warrior-God that all of God's people truly needed. And the amazing news for us is, Jesus continually wages war on our behalf, sometimes against our flesh, sometimes against the world, and sometimes it is painful. But in that correction, He makes us look more like Him, which is the best Good we can ever hope for!

## **Bible Reading for the Week**

### Daily Bible Readings

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Jeremiah 38	Jeremiah 39	Jeremiah 40	Jeremiah 41	Jeremiah 42	Jeremiah 43	Jeremiah 44

Reading from this past week's sermon: Judges 3:7-31

Reading in preparation for this coming Sunday: Judges 3:1-6

## **Family Worship**

Song - *Sing*

<https://youtu.be/DWzghvc72sg?si=QPIW1iKBPNuYvZg2>

### Gospel Project

Unit: The Walls Rebuilt

Story: The Prophet Zechariah

Big Picture Question: What is the Bible all about?

Answer: The Bible is the story of God's plan to save people through Jesus.

Scripture: Nehemiah 1-6

### New City Catechism

Question 4: How and why did God create us?

Answer: God created us male and female in his own image to glorify him.

Verse: Genesis 1:27

### Judges 3:7-31

- Do you remember the ABCDE cycle in Judges? How do we see this cycle in our text this week?
- Why do we need to be careful about turning Biblical leaders into the hero of the story? How can we honor these stories while also remembering that God is the true hero? How can we honor our spiritual leaders without turning them into heroes or villains?
- Think of who you were before God rescued you. How were you "left-handed"?
- How do our stories point us to Jesus as the true hero and rescuer we need?

### Prayer

\*Pray that we honor our leaders while also remembering that Jesus is our true Savior and hero.

\*Pray for our Marriage Retreat this weekend.