

3 Surefire Ways to Ruin Your Life & Wreak Havoc in the Lives of Those Around You!

Judges 2

- Partially obey God

- Settle for counterfeit gods

- Don't listen to God

Getting Started: When did you intentionally or unintentionally not carry out a parent's, boss's, or an authority figure's order? What were the consequences?

Digging In: Read Judges 2. Make a list of the mistakes the Israelites made. Make a list of the LORD's responses. How did Israel partially obey the LORD (Dt. 20:17-18; Judges 1:27-35)? Why did the LORD want them to obey Him completely in driving out the people of the land (Ex. 20:3; Dt. 12:29-31; Ex. 21:31-33; Judges 2:3; Ps. 106:34-40)? Why is turning to other gods such a problem (Ex. 15:11-13; Dt. 33:26-29; Isa. 45:4-7; 20-25; 46:9)? Why do you think they turned to other gods? How would you describe the Israelites' persistence to sin: a) refusal to listen, b) stubbornness, c) ignorance, d) the blind leading the blind, e) the "frog in the kettle" mentality?

Living It Out: What does partial obedience look like in your life? Can you think of a time in your life where you did not see a sin, character flaw, or some other type of problem? What problems did it create for you and/or others? What kind of attitudes create an opportunity for you to drift away from God: a) I have a comfortable life? b) Other people, events, things commanding my attention? c) Sometimes I get tired of being "good"; d) I get bitter when life doesn't work my way; e) I can't explain it, it just happens? Think through these questions to identify possible counterfeit gods in your life: From what or whom do you seek your significance? What or whom do you worry or think about constantly? For what or whom are you willing to bend the rules? What are you afraid of losing? What or whom is most important for you to be happy? What or who can you not imagine living your life without? What counterfeit gods are you tempted to serve in contrast to the LORD: a) money, b) power, c) security, d) comfort, e) control, d) security, e) certain people in my life, f) love, g) other? Confess to one other person how this temptation to serve other gods works out specifically in your life. Be brutally honest with yourself and God, is there some sin or character defect in your life that God and others have tried to address but you have refused to listen? Why do you think you have done that? What problems has it caused in your life? Cry out to Jesus for deliverance this week.

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