WENEEDAKING

+THE BOOK OF JUDGES+

Part Seven: Jephthah

INGREDIENTS: PORK AND/OR BEEF, MECHANICALLY SEPARATED MEATS (CHICKEN AND/OR PORK AND/OR TURKEY): WATER, MODIFIED CORN STARCH, MODIFIED MILK INGREDIENTS, SALT, POTASSIUM LACTATE, SODIUM PHOSPHATE, SPICES, SODIUM ERYTHORBATE, SODIUM DIACETATE, SMOKE FLAVOUR, SODIUM NITRITE, GARLIC POWDER, SOY PROTEIN, WHEAT FLOUR, MUSTARD, SMOKE. CONTAINS: MILK, SOY, WHEAT, MUSTARD.

INGRÉDIENTS: PORC ET/OU BŒUF, VIANDES SÉPARÉES

Mechanically Separated Meat:

a paste-like meat product produced by forcing pureed or ground beef, pork, turkey or chicken, under high pressure through a sieve or similar device to separate the bone from the edible meat tissue.... This puree includes bone, bone marrow, skin, nerves, blood vessels, and the scraps of meat remaining on the bones.



An idol is anything you look to for power and joy and significance apart from God.



True repentance is a sorrow for sin, and a sorrow over idolatrous motives.



We become desensitized to the culture around us.

- believers integrate into culture uncritically
- We watch 30 hours of t.v. every week.
- 73% of us spend at least 3-4 hours on social media each day.
- Luke 11:34



We must enter culture critically!

- Romans 12: 2
- Psalms 119:105
- God's favor and blessing in your life is not dependent on your performance.
- Many are pursuing a God they want to be true, rather than a God who is true.



Wrong ideas about God are not only the fountain from which the polluted waters of idolatry flow; they are themselves idolatrous. The idolater simply imagines things about God and acts as if they were true.

- A.W. Tozer



Our idolatry has devastating effects on those around us.

- Today, 20% of children in Canada grow up in single parent homes.
- There were over 94,000 reported abortions in Canada last year, and 46% of those abortions happened in Ontario.
- The average age of the girl who enters the porn industry is 13 years old.

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- 72,000 same sex couples living in Canada, 40% of them in Ontario. Ontario again being the highest. 12% of them have adopted children (2016).
- 1 million Canadians meet the diagnostic criteria for an Eating Disorder. Between 12% and 30% of girls and 9% and 25% of boys aged 10-14 report dieting to lose weight.

Judges 10:6-8 (ESV)

The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him. So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the Ammonites, and they crushed and oppressed the people of Israel that year.

Judges 10:6-8 (ESV)

For eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.



Jeremiah 2:13 (ESV)

for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.



Judges 10:10-14 (ESV)

¹⁰And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and have served the Baals." "And the LORD said to the people of Israel, "Did I not save you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? ¹²The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried out to me, and I saved you out of their hand. ¹³Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more.

Judges 10:10-14 (ESV)

Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress."



Judges 10:15-16 (ESV)

*And the people of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day." *So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD, and he became impatient over the misery of Israel.



³⁰And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, "then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering." ³²So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. ³³And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow.

So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

*Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah. And behold, his daughter came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances. She was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. **And as soon as he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD,



and I cannot take back my vow." ³⁶ And she said to him, "My father, you have opened your mouth to the LORD; do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, now that the LORD has avenged you on your enemies, on the Ammonites." 37So she said to her father, "Let this thing be done for me: leave me alone two months, that I may go up and down on the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions." ³⁸So he said, "Go." Then he sent her away for two months, and she departed,



she and her companions, and wept for her virginity on the mountains. And at the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to his vow that he had made. She had never known a man, and it became a custom in Israel

