

# Big King or Little King

Right In The Eye: Part 1

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## The Unspoken American Dream

I want to do  
what I want,  
when I want,  
with whom I want.\*

Joshua-----Judges-----Saul  
1380                   (310 years)                   1030

### Israel's Cycle



*In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.  
Judges 21:25 NLT*

*“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors  
worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Joshua 24:14 NIV*

*Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was  
the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of  
slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes...We too will serve the LORD,  
because he is our God.” Joshua 24:16-18 NIV*

*But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:21 NIV*

*Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. They forsook  
the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and  
worshiped various gods of the peoples around them. They aroused the LORD’s anger because  
they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. In his anger against Israel the LORD gave  
them into the hands of raiders who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their  
enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist... They were in great distress.  
Judges 2:11-15 NIV*

## Israel's Choices

Forsook the Lord.

Followed the people around them.

Surrendered their freedom.

Israel simply traded one king for another and they were no longer able to resist.

It's always easier to say "no" to God than it is to say "no" to the things you substitute for God.

*The anger of the LORD burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years.  
Judges 3:8 NIV*

In our attempt to do what we want, when we want, with who we want, we simply trade one king for another.

### Action Steps:

**What are the Little Kings in your life  
that are controlling you?**

**Make a list of what you need to cut out  
so you don't miss out.**

**Solutions Counseling  
Celebrate Recovery**