



Moral Mayhem Pt 1

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The book of Judges is a narrative of Israel's history that took place

- BETWEEN the time they moved **into** the Promised Land under Joshua –
- And about 330 years later – when Israel became a monarchy with King Saul.

The Cycle of Israel:

- They would disobey God's Law –
- And it would result in disaster.
- And then they would cry out for help –
- And God would send them a deliverer.

Don't get too judgmental with the people in the book of Judges – this is **OUR STORY!**

"I'm going to do – what I think – is right."

- *You do what YOU think is right.*
- *And don't tell me what's right – because:*
 - *What's right for YOU –*
 - *May NOT BE what's right for ME!*

Judges 19

(v. 1) *"Now a LEVITE who lived in a remote area in the hill country of Ephraim – took a concubine from Bethlehem in Judah.*

(v. 23) *The owner of the house went outside and said to them, 'No my friends, don't be so vile. Since this man is my guest, don't do this outrageous thing.*

(v. 24) *Look, here is my virgin daughter, and his concubine. I will bring them out to you now, and you can use them and do to them whatever you wish...'*

(v. 25) *But the men would not listen to him. So the man (the Levite) took his concubine and sent her outside to them...*

(v. 30) *Everyone who saw it was saying to one another, 'Such a thing has never been seen or done, not since the day the Israelites came up out of Egypt. Just imagine! We must do something! So speak up!!!'"*

Final verse in the book of Judges - **Judges 21:25**

*"In those days – Israel had no king; and **EVERYONE DID – WHAT WAS RIGHT – IN THEIR OWN EYES.**"*

We want the freedom to do –

- WHAT we want –
- WHEN we want –
- And with WHOM we want!

Problems with this thinking:

#1. _____

#2. _____

#3. _____

"As long as it doesn't hurt anyone."

- You hurt **yourself.**
- You hurt the people **with you.**
- You hurt the people **that care about you.**
- You hurt the people **coming along after you.**

So if you were God, then how would YOU respond?