



Moral Mayhem – Pt 8
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Judges 2

*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in their own eyes.
(Judges 21:25)*

THE RHYTHM OF THE BOOK OF JUDGES

1. Israel does evil in the Lord's site – mostly by worshipping other gods.
2. God causes a nation to rise up and oppress Israel.
3. The people of Israel cry out for God to save them.
4. God hears their cries.
5. God raises up a Judge – a leader to deliver Israel.
6. Israel gets delivered from the oppressing nation.
7. A period of peace begins – the people turn to God.
8. Israel goes back to step 1.

THE CAUSE OF THIS RHYTHM

That whole generation was also gathered to their ancestors. After them another generation rose up who did not know the Lord or the works he had done for Israel. The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight. (Judges 2:10-11)

did not know ידע *yada* notice, learn, become known – personal, intimate

THE CURE FOR THE CAUSE

*One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts.
(Psalms 145:4)*

Declare to state clearly, announce officially, to state emphatically
Proclaim to indicate publicly or openly

1. It's not about where we look ... it's about WHO we look at.

Keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

ACTION STEP: Read a chapter and listen to a song everyday this week.

2. We must know God INTIMATELY ... not just know about him.

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. (Romans 8:8-10)

ACTION STEP: Assess your current relationship with God.

3. It's not what we teach ... it's how PASSIONATELY we live it out.

But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. (1 Peter 3:15-16)

ACTION STEP: Ask someone how you can pray for them this week – then follow up.

SPIRITUAL LEGACY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

KNOW GOD → TRUST GOD → OBEY GOD

He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children so that a future generation – children yet to be born – might know. They were to rise and tell their children so that they might put their confidence in God, and not forget God's works, but keep his commands. (Psalm 78:5-7)