

Message: Reconnection & Community

God the King Raises Deliverers - Judges as Saviours

Main Text: Book of Judges 2:16–19 (KJV)

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Introduction

“Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them...” Judges 2:16

The Book of Judges is not merely a history of battles and leaders; it is the story of a people who lost connection:

- connection with God,
- connection with covenant,
- connection with truth,
- connection with one another.

Whenever Israel disconnected from God, division entered the community. Idolatry replaced worship, isolation replaced unity, fear replaced faith, and oppression replaced peace.

Yet the mercy of God appears in one powerful word:

“Nevertheless...”

Even after rebellion, God still raised deliverers to reconnect His people back to Himself and back to covenant community.

This message is deeply relevant today.

Many people are spiritually disconnected:

- disconnected families,
- disconnected churches,
- disconnected generations,
- isolated believers,
- wounded communities,
- broken fellowship.

Technology has increased communication, yet loneliness, division, depression, and spiritual distance continue to grow.

But God the King still raises deliverers:

- leaders who restore truth,
- believers who rebuild fellowship,

- intercessors who reconnect communities,
- servants who heal wounded hearts,
- and above all, Jesus Christ, the ultimate Deliverer who restores humanity back to God.

“For he himself is our peace...” Ephesians 2:14

Myles Munroe taught:

“The greatest tragedy in life is not death, but life without purpose and relationships rightly aligned.”

God never designed His people to live disconnected from Him or one another.

Understanding the Crisis

Israel Lost Connection

Judges 2 Reveals Three Broken Relationships

1. Broken Connection with God

“They forsook the LORD God of their fathers...” Judges 2:12

Israel abandoned worship and covenant intimacy.

2. Broken Connection with Truth

They embraced surrounding cultures and idols.

When truth is abandoned:

- confusion grows,
- identity weakens,
- compromise spreads.

3. Broken Connection with Community

Every cycle of sin weakened unity among the tribes.

People became spiritually isolated and vulnerable.

This still happens today.

The enemy often attacks:

- marriages,
- churches,
- friendships,
- families,
- mentorship,

- fellowship.

Because isolation weakens spiritual strength.

“Two are better than one...” Ecclesiastes 4:9

The Threefold Kingdom Message

Reconnection Through the King

1. RESTORATION - God Restores Broken Relationship

“And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge...”

Judges 2:18

The judges were restorers of covenant order.

They helped reconnect people:

- back to worship,
- back to truth,
- back to unity,
- back to obedience.

Deliverance was not only about defeating enemies; it was about restoring relationship with God.

Healing Begins with Reconnection

Many people seek healing while remaining spiritually disconnected.

But healing flows where reconnection begins:

- reconnection to God through repentance,
- reconnection to truth through Scripture,
- reconnection to people through fellowship.

Jesus consistently restored people into community:

- the lepers returned to society,
- the demoniac returned home,
- Zacchaeus was restored publicly,
- Peter was restored after failure.

The Kingdom restores belonging.

Object Lesson from the Early Church

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship...” Acts 2:42

The early Church thrived because believers remained connected.

Where community weakens:

- discouragement grows,
- deception spreads,
- spiritual fatigue increases.

2. RECONCILIATION - God Heals Divided People

“Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges...”

The mercy of God does not only forgive individuals; it heals communities.

Throughout Judges:

- tribes divided,
- people compromised,
- leadership failed,
- unity fractured.

Yet God continually intervened to preserve His people.

Today many need reconciliations:

- families separated by offence,
- churches divided by pride,
- friendships broken by misunderstanding,
- generations disconnected by culture.

Jesus came to reconcile.

“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross...” Colossians 1:20

Community is a Kingdom Necessity

The Kingdom is not built through isolation.

God works through:

- fellowship,
- discipleship,
- accountability,
- mentorship,
- corporate worship,
- shared burdens.

Kathryn Kuhlman often emphasized:

“The Holy Spirit only goes where He is welcomed.”

Unity creates an atmosphere where healing flows.

Signs of Healthy Kingdom Community

- forgiveness,
- humility,
- generosity,
- truth spoken in love,
- mutual encouragement,
- shared prayer.

3. RECOMMISSIONING - God Raises Deliverers for Others

The judges were not raised merely for themselves.

They were raised for the people.

God delivers us so we may help restore others.

Every Believer Has Kingdom Responsibility

Some are called to:

- encourage the weary,
- mentor the young,
- pray for the broken,
- rebuild families,
- restore community,
- serve the lonely,
- strengthen the church.

Smith Wigglesworth declared:

“Great faith is the product of great fights.”

God often uses delivered people to deliver others.

Jesus - The Ultimate Deliverer

All the judges in Israel pointed to Christ.

Unlike the temporary judges:

- Jesus never fails,
- Jesus never dies again,
- Jesus never abandons His people.

He restores:

- relationship with God,
- healing within families,
- unity among believers,
- identity within community.

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

Reconnection in the Teachings of Jesus

Jesus continually emphasized community.

Jesus Reconnected the Outcast

- lepers,
- tax collectors,
- sinners,
- widows,
- the poor,
- the rejected.

Jesus Built Spiritual Family

“Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother...” Mark 3:35

Jesus Sent Disciples Together

Not alone, but in partnership and fellowship.

Jesus Prayed for Unity

“That they all may be one...” John 17:21

Kingdom life is relational life.

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Question

Answer

Who restores community?

God the King through Jesus Christ

What is reconnection?

Restoration of relationship with God and others

When does reconnection begin?

When repentance and humility are embraced

Where does healing grow?

In Spirit-filled fellowship and truth

Why does God value community?

Because believers are one body in Christ

How are communities restored?

Through forgiveness, prayer, truth, love, and the Holy Spirit

Practical Applications

Reconnect with God

- restore prayer,
- renew worship,
- return to Scripture.

Reconnect with Family

- forgive quickly,
- communicate honestly,
- pray together.

Reconnect with Community

- join fellowship,
- serve faithfully,
- encourage others.

Reconnect with Purpose

God did not save you merely to survive; He saved you to strengthen others.

Conclusion

Judges 2 reveals both the danger of disconnection and the mercy of divine restoration.

Israel repeatedly wandered, yet God repeatedly raised deliverers.

Today many people are surrounded by crowds but starving for connection:

- connection with God,
- connection with truth,
- connection with purpose,
- connection with genuine community.

But Jesus Christ still restores.

He heals broken hearts.

He restores fractured relationships.

He rebuilds spiritual families.

He reconnects people to the Father.

The Church must become more than a gathering place.

It must become:

- a healing community,
- a praying community,
- a restoring community,
- a reconciling community,

- a Kingdom family.

You cannot remain neutral in a Kingdom reality.

The King is calling His people:

- from isolation to fellowship,
- from division to unity,
- from woundedness to healing,
- from wandering to restoration.

7 Prayer Points

1. **Prayer for Reconnection with God** “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.” James 4:8
2. **Prayer for Healing in Families and Relationships** “How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1
3. **Prayer Against Isolation and Spiritual Drift** “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...” Hebrews 10:25
4. **Prayer for Unity in the Church** “That they all may be one...” John 17:21
5. **Prayer for Restoration of Purpose and Fellowship** “We are labourers together with God.” 1 Corinthians 3:9
6. **Prayer for Deliverance from Bitterness and Offence** “Forgiving one another...” Colossians 3:13
7. **Prayer for Kingdom Community Revival** “And they continued stedfastly... in fellowship...” Acts 2:42