

**FLAWED HEROES, FAITHFUL GOD**  
**Judges 2:11-3:6**  
**New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green**  
**Sunday, November 23, 2025**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ Life... Leads You To \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 2:11 (NIV2011)** “Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.”

**Judges 2:12 (NIV2011)** “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.”

**Judges 2:12-13 (NIV2011)** “They aroused the LORD’s anger<sup>13</sup> because they forsook Him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.”

**Judges 2:14 (NIV2011)** “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.”

**Judges 2:15 (NIV2011)** “Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as He had sworn to them. They were in great distress.”

**Judges 2:20-22 (NIV2011)** “Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, ‘Because this nation has violated the covenant I ordained for their ancestors and has not listened to Me, <sup>21</sup>I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. <sup>22</sup>I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their ancestors did.’”

**Judges 2:23 (NIV2011)** “The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; He did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua.”

**Judges 3:1-2 (NIV2011)** “These are the nations the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan<sup>2</sup> (He did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)...”

**Judges 3:3 (NIV2011)** “...the five rulers of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the Lebanon mountains from Mount Baal Hermon to Lebo Hamath.”

**Judges 3:4 (NIV2011)** “They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the LORD’s commands, which He had given their ancestors through Moses.”

**Judges 3:5-6 (NIV2011)** “The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>6</sup>They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.”

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Life... Leaves You At \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Judges 2:16 (NIV2011)** “Then the LORD raised up Judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders.”

**Judges 2:17-19 (NIV2011)** “Yet they would not listen to their Judges but prostituted themselves [played the harlot] to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the LORD’s commands. <sup>18</sup>Whenever the LORD raised up a Judge for them, He was with the Judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the Judge lived; for the LORD relented because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them. <sup>19</sup>But when the Judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their ancestors, following other gods and serving and worshiping them. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.”

**Job 23:8-12 (NIV2011)** “If I go to the east, He is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find Him. <sup>9</sup>When He is at work in the north, I do not see Him; when He turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of Him. <sup>10</sup>But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold. <sup>11</sup>My feet have closely followed His steps; I have kept to His way without turning aside. <sup>12</sup>I have not departed from the commands of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread.”