



FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Message Title: Live Sent

Scripture: Judges 3:12-30

12 And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the Lord. 13 He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. 14 And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 Then the people of Israel cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. 16 And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit[a] in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. 17 And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. 19 But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. 20 And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. 21 And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. 22 And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. 23 Then Ehud went out into the porch[b] and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

24 When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber." 25 And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor.

26 Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. 27 When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. 28 And he said to them, "Follow after me, for the Lord has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. 29 And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. 30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Points of Consideration:

The place of **monotony** may very well be the means of God's **ministry** in your life (vs. 12-15)

What we see as **handicaps** may very well be God's **handiwork** (vs. 15-22)

God's **providence** can override the **risk** you take for God's glory (vs. 22-30)

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

Discussion Questions:

The mundane of life can be overwhelming and taxing. Is it possible for our day-to-day activities to be considered worship? Read and discuss Proverbs 16:3. How does God's word encourage in the midst of the mundane?

Do you tend to focus on your weaknesses when living the sent life? Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 12:9. How does God use our weakness for His kingdom? How are we to respond to God using our weakness for His kingdom?

In life, we are confronted with moments when following God appears very risky. Throughout the Bible, God’s people are called to trust the Lord in the midst of fear, danger, suffering, and pain. Consider Psalm 56:3. What does God encourage us to do when confronted with fear?

Prayer Guide for Tribes

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league: pray for You Turn's soccer ministry as it brings hundreds of people in to hear the Gospel from pastoral students who preach to the crowds at halftime.
 - o Thousands have come to Christ and five churches have been planted through the soccer ministry since February!
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students, who are being trained to plant churches over the next two years.
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports. Join with You Turn as they pray that God would develop these students into strong, Bible-believing adults that would greatly impact their villages!

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant
 - o We are currently working with area missionaries in the Stone Mountain Baptist Association to plant a Hispanic church in our facilities here at Fusion!
 - Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family to and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
 - Pray for Osiel, a caterer person of influence in the Hispanic community who is not a believer but who is open to the church plant
 - We are in the process of starting our initial Spanish Bible studies on Sunday nights. Pray for volunteers to help serve for childcare and for God to arrange all the details!
- Walton County Church Plant
 - o Pastor Matt is collaborating with local pastors who have a heart for church planting to place a church in the Walton County area. Please pray that God would raise up a planter and a core group of church members and that God would open doors in the near future!
 - Specifically, pray for a planter who will lead this church; this is a huge obstacle for the initial stages of the plant.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local community center as a mobile church. Having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin; he is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- “Dots on the Map”: LCC is designed to be a network of churches who continuously plant new churches all over the greater Boston area. The Weymouth parish is the most recent plant, and communities have been identified in Hull, Dorchester, Hingham, Randolph, etc. Pray that God would raise up communities of believers and pastors to shepherd them in these areas!

Source of Light Ministries

- **Please refer to the document below (copy and paste the link), “Changepoints,” for updates on what God is doing through the ministry of Source of Light!**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qZwJhusH4ddpQpjP3rdiW2aP-1RuhQ7qq-sTVtdHQ_I/edit?usp=sharing

FCA

- As the ministry of FCA continues to grow in our 5-county area, pray for more people willing to Pray, Serve, and Give toward their efforts!
- Lake Country FCA Power Camp will take place October 11-13 in Greene Co. Please be in prayer for this camp.
- Morgan County Fields of Faith will be Wednesday, November 2nd. Please pray and mark your calendar to attend.

Timothy Initiative

- TTI is an organization whose mission is to plant churches in countries all over the globe, to train native pastors to plant these churches, and to instill in them a Biblical desire to make disciples who make disciples.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- In particular, pray for the East Africa region of TTI's international ministry. Jake had the opportunity to see firsthand the work that God is doing in Turkana, Kenya, a semi-arid region with widespread poverty and very little access to clean drinking water. In spite of all the obstacles they have faced, through God's grace, Turkana has seen hundreds of microchurches planted and over 19,000 believers come to faith in Christ. Pray for their continued discipleship and for the continued evangelization of nearly a million people in the county.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!