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JUDGES INTRODUCTION

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¹ After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, “Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?”

Judges 1:1 (ESV)

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant,

Joshua 1:1 (ESV)

¹ After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

2 Samuel 1:1 (ESV)

¹⁶ Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷ Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so. ¹⁸ Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. ¹⁹ But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Judges 2:16–19 (ESV)

God relentlessly offers his grace to people who do not deserve it who do not seek it and never appreciate it even after they’ve been saved by it.

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²⁵ In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Judges 21:25 (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:4–6 (ESV)