

JUDGES 1:1 – 3:6

FOLLOW

THE LORD





Courage to Follow Even When It's Dangerous

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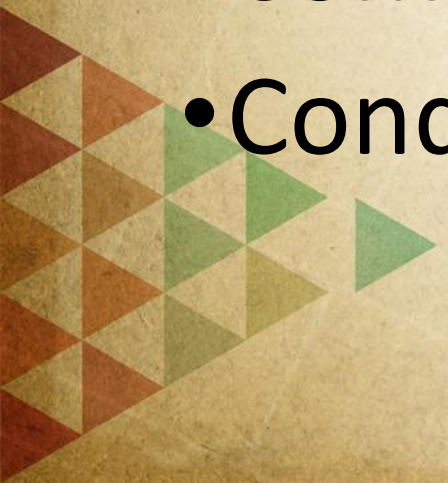
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- Conquering giants! 16-20



Living Among the Israelites, 1:21-30

- Benjamin did not drive out, 21
- Joseph takes Bethel, 22-26
 - Manasseh did not drive out, 27-28
 - Ephraim did not drive out, 29
- Zebulun did not drive out, 30



Living Among the Canaanites, 1:31-33

- Asher lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, 31-32
- Naphtali lived among the Canaanites, 33



Defeat in the Land of the Amorites, 1:34-36

- The Amorites pressed the people of Dan, 34
- Israel coexists, recognizing the border, 35-36




Going to Bochim, 2:1-5

- YHWH speaks: “I brought you up” 1
- “I will never break My covenant”
- You made covenants with them, 2
- You kept their altars
- Your choices have consequences, 3-5



What About You?

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- Have you compromised a clear command of God?
 - Will you engage in spiritual warfare?
 - What perspective drives your decisions? Pragmatism?



Conviction to Follow Even When It's Difficult

Judges 2:6 – 3:6

The Second-Generation Syndrome, 2:6-11

- Joshua served the LORD
- Those who knew Joshua, knew the LORD
- They failed to pass on that knowledge
- Not knowing God, they don't love or serve Him
- They served the Baals



The Cycle of Judges, 2:11-23

- Sin, 11-13
- Slavery, 14-15
- Supplication, 15b, 18b
- Salvation, 16
- Spiral Downwards, 17-23



Take the Test, 3:1-6

- Danger and difficulty reveal your priorities, to teach and to test, 1-3
- What has God commanded you to do? 4
- Who do you love? 5-6a
- Who will you serve? 6b

