



Message-based Study

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Message: "Family Sunday & Story of Ehud"

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Connection

What is one of your favorite memories from when you were in middle or high school?

Content - The Story of Ehud - Judges 3:12-30

Ehud was the son of Gera the Benjaminite, and became an unlikely Israelite hero when he helped free the Israelite people from 18 years of oppression by the Moabites. Ehud reminds us that when we call on God there is freedom.

1. Read Judges 2:16-19. Throughout the book of Judges Israel makes mistake after mistake, and the Lord would respond by raising up judges to save them from their own actions. At first we might judge Israel for their repeated sin, but can you see yourself in this cycle?

2. Judges 13:12-15 tells the beginning of the story, with Israel again sinning against the Lord, and with an enemy power (King Eglon of Moab) being given power over Israel. Faced with their oppression, Israel cried out to the Lord, and the Lord raised up Ehud. When have you experienced God providing you with an answer to your troubles?

3. Judges 13:16-25 tells us how the unlikely left-handed hero, Ehud, was able to sneak a weapon into the presence of King Eglon, slay him, and escape safely. Where else in scripture have you read about an unlikely hero that ended up saving the people of Israel?

4. Judges 3:26-30 concludes the story as Ehud returned to the Israelites and became the leader over his people. Ehud wasn't "normal" and yet God used him for something great. How are you perhaps not "normal", and yet can God use you for the growth of His kingdom?

5. Ehud's story is one that points to Christ. Christ came to redeem us, and save us from our own sin and give us an everlasting place at God's side.

We aren't actually Ehud in this story, we are the people of God referenced in verse 27. Just as they were asked to follow Ehud, how can we follow Christ today with our actions?

Commitment

6. Colossians 1:15-21 reminds us of who Christ is. Read this passage and spend a moment dwelling on who Christ is to you. Write a phrase that strikes you from this passage:

Now spend a moment and answer the question, "who can I share this passage with this week?"



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

This week, **Share** with a person in your life who needs to hear and feel Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S. them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?