

Brave Heart

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

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“Living Among Idols” [Judges2:6-3:6](#)

As Israel fought their way into possession of the promise land, we must fight on toward maturity and fullness of life defeating anything that would stand in the way. It wasn't that Israel “could not” but they “would not” drive out their enemies and therefore now living among idols (Judges1:1-2:5). Nothing can rob you of the fullness of life Christ came to give, except idolatry. Idolatry is at the root of all of our sins. This is the second introduction and a summary of the whole book.

The Cycle of Decline and Revival:

[Judges2:6-10](#)

COVENANT—God and His saving acts are infinitely valued and central to my life beyond anything else transforming every part of my life. (vv6-7; Matt22:34-40)

COMPLACENCY—It is a disposition of dismissal or indifference to desiring God or delighting in God. It could be a sign that you've reached your emotional, physical or spiritual limit or it could be something much more sinister. (V10; Eph2:1-3; Rom1:16; Deut6:4-9, 20-25)

[Verses 11-13](#)

COMPROMISE—Evil is the suicidal exchange of the fountain of living waters for broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jer2:13 Unbelief->Pride->Idolatry). Idolatry is making a good thing in creation (i.e. money, romance, children, fitness, etc.) into the ultimate source of our identity, security and significance.

[Verses 14-17](#)

CONSEQUENCES—Counterfeit gods control us when we seek them, disappoint us when we get them and devastate us when we lose them. (Ex20:3; Judges2:3; Ps16:4)

You know you have a counterfeit god when you are inconsolably paralyzed when it's threatened, bitter when it's blocked and depressed when it's lost.

[Verse 18](#)

CRYING OUT TO GOD—True repentance isn't just sorrow for the pain sin has caused me but it is sorrow for the pain sin has caused God as I turn from sin to God. (Rom2:4, 8:1; 1John 1:9; 2Cor7:10-11) It is the sweet sorrow of a justified sinner.

[Verses 19-3:6](#)

COVENANT RENEWAL—It is a fight for indescribable and indestructible joy in Christ so that I'm not overly attached to good days (success) or overwhelmed by bad days (adversity). (Vv22, 3:1, 4 “test” v2 “to know and learn war” 1Tim6:12; 2Tim4:7; Matt24:12-13) Christ must become more beautiful to your imagination and more desirable to your heart than your idols through spiritual disciplines.

Growing Notes

- 1) What comes to mind when you think about idols or idolatry? As Americans how are we similar to Israel in the Promise Land living among idols?
- 2) Read Judges 2:6-10. What stands out to you from this text? What is a Covenant relationship with God? What happens when a person becomes complacent spiritually and why is it so dangerous?
- 3) Read Judges 2:11-13. How do you see compromise in text? How is compromise evil and ultimately idolatry? Read Judges 2:14-17. What are the consequences of having counterfeit gods and how do I know when I have one?
- 4) Read Judges 2:18. What is true repentance? Read Judges 1:19-3:6. What is Covenant Renewal? Idols can't be removed only replaced. Explain. What is the key to overcoming idols? Pray for Covenant Renewal at db.