

## JUDGES | THE CYCLE OF JUDGE

### JUDGES 2:6-3:6

The book of Judges teaches us of a turbulent time when Israel was to occupy the Promised Land. Instead of following God's direction, they did what was right in their own eyes and did evil in the sight of the Lord. They allowed the idolatry to co-exist in the land that was supposed to be a place God that God was exalted. They became influence and compromised by the ungodly they lived with in the land and took their gods. This led to their oppression and what we know as the cycle of Judges. What is this cycle and what can we learn from the principles of Judges 2?

1. Good examples are not enough, we need to personally know the Lord and teach subsequent generations to do the same.
2. When we abandon the Lord and chase after idols, we provoke a righteous and just God.
3. God is angry with idolatry, and anger and love are not diametrically opposed.
4. God shows us compassion in contrast to false gods that lead us to false hope, temporary comfort and cannot provide deliverance.
5. God will allow us to be tested to demonstrate to us our need for Him.
6. God will use difficult and painful circumstances so we can identify our idols and recognize our need for our Deliverer.