

## JUDGES | SO, YOU WANTED A KING? JUDGES 9:1-10:5

We are strange creatures in that at times we want to do things our way and only our way. Like Sinatra, we want to say, "I did it my way." In contrast, when things get tough, we want someone to bail us out. We want a king! At times, in our sinfulness, we'd rather have a king bail us out, rather than fulfill our God-given responsibility and trust the Lord. The men Gideon led wanted a king. Gideon refused, knowing that only God was fit to rule Israel. One of his many sons, was not convinced. In one aspect, Abimelech was the product of his father's wandering from God. In another aspect, he was an evil man with an insatiable lust for power that led him to destroy others and ultimately himself. How does the story of Gideon and more so Abimelech teach us how to live as followers of Christ?

1. Our sins have \_\_\_\_\_ that reach beyond our own \_\_\_\_\_. Make things \_\_\_\_\_ as much as possible to correct your \_\_\_\_\_ past.
2. Though we may experience harm from the sins of those who went before us, we are \_\_\_\_\_ for our own \_\_\_\_\_ and God holds us \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Do what you can within the \_\_\_\_\_ God gave you. Sometimes speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ and leaving the situation in \_\_\_\_\_ is the best thing you can do.
4. Only God has the right to \_\_\_\_\_, and He will carry out \_\_\_\_\_ on those who reject \_\_\_\_\_.