

- Many find ways to get out of their financial \_\_\_\_\_.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ in their minds why they don't have to make good on their word.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ it all together.
- If there is someone or some group you owe money to, you need to get that right \_\_\_\_\_—It's Biblical!
- How is our commitment to \_\_\_\_\_?
- What commitments have we made to Him?
  - To be in His \_\_\_\_\_?
  - To be \_\_\_\_\_ warrior?
  - To be \_\_\_\_\_ to church?
  - To give \_\_\_\_\_ life to God?
  - To give \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to God?

## Observations from the Life of Jephthah

Text: Judges 11:1-11, 29-35

### 1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Do Affect Others.

- Gilead's sin of \_\_\_\_\_ affected Jephthah's livelihood and reputation.

**Judges 11:2** *And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman.*

- People given to \_\_\_\_\_ affect more than just themselves.
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### 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ Does Not Have to \_\_\_\_\_ Us.

- Jephthah's past did not define the \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.
  - He started with the \_\_\_\_\_ of being son to a strange woman, but that did not define him.
  - He was known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Judges 11:1a** *Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour...*

- He \_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites in victory over the Ammonites.
- He is mentioned in the Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ for keeping his covenant before God.

**Hebrews 11:32** *And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:*

- We are not doomed to repeat the \_\_\_\_\_ of our forefathers, \_\_\_\_\_!
- No matter what our past or upbringing, God can still give us \_\_\_\_\_ at success.

### 3. Our Commitments Should Have \_\_\_\_\_.

- Jephthah's commitment \_\_\_\_\_ him something valuable.

**Psalms 15:4** *In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.*

- He vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ the first thing that came out of his house to meet him.

**Judges 11:30-31** *And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.*

- Our love to God is \_\_\_\_\_ by what we are willing to commit to Him.

**Romans 12:1** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

- Are we willing to give our \_\_\_\_\_?
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### 4. Our Commitments Should Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Judges 11:35** *And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.*

**Deuteronomy 23:21-23** *When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.*

- We are living in a day in which commitments are \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ should matter.

**Matthew 12:36-37** *But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

- How is our commitment to our \_\_\_\_\_?
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  - When our children were \_\_\_\_\_, we committed to giving them so much:
    - A godly home...
    - Time...
- How is our commitment to \_\_\_\_\_?
  - In the area of \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 37:21** *The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.*

**Ecclesiastes 5:5** *Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.*