

Sermon Outline

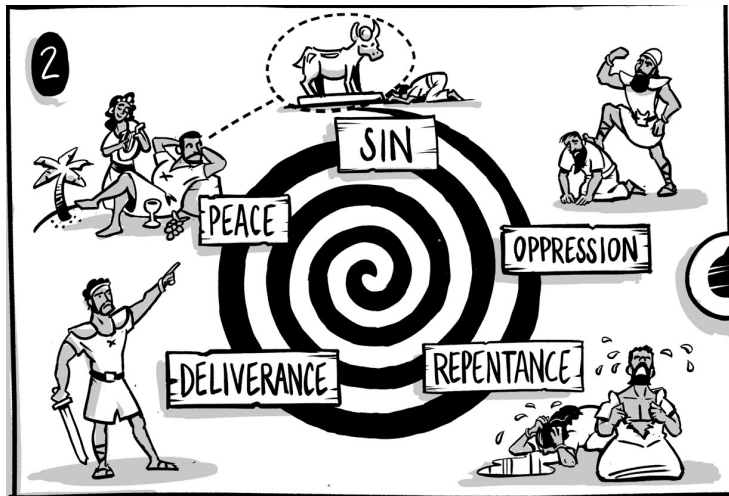
“FRANKLY-PRETTY-BAD JUDGES IN ISRAEL ...” | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Judges 13:1-7; 14:1-9; 16:1-5; 16:23-31 (p.359ff)

Deep Dive (730pm, Thu 3 April), "The Trustworthy Word" with Dr Luke Wisley (BCSA)

Judges: who will lead us?		
9/3	"The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD ..."	Judges 1-3
16/3	Unexpected judges in Israel: Deborah/Barak	Judges 3-5
23/3	Not-so-good judges in Israel: Gideon	Judges 6-12
30/3	Frankly-pretty-bad judges in Israel: Samson	Judges 13-16
6/4	"In those days Israel had no king ..."	Judges 17-21
13/4	When Ruth met Boaz ...	Ruth

1. Samson's birth (13:1-7)



(Source: The Bible Project)

- Nazirite vows (Numbers 6)

- "the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him ..." (13:25)

2. Samson's first marriage (14:1-9)

- a weakness for women combined with arrogance about his own strength

Jdg 14:4 His parents did not know that this was from the LORD, who was seeking an occasion to confront the Philistines; for at that time they were ruling over Israel.

3. Samson's second "marriage" (16:1-5)

- he secretly visits a Philistine prostitute

- he "falls in love with" another Philistine woman (Delilah)

- "But he did not know that the LORD had left him." (16:20)

4. Samson's death (16:23-31)

- what Samson does NOT pray (v28)

5. Reading Judges today

Homework: please read Judges 17-21

- how to read the Old Testament (mistakes to avoid vs examples to follow)

Heb 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

Heb 11:32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah ...

Heb 11:39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, 40 since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.