

Second Generation Spiral

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Judges 17:6 *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

Judges 2:7 *And the people served the LORD/Yahweh throughout the days of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him, who had seen all the great works that the LORD/Yahweh had done for Israel.*

Judges 2:10 *After that whole generation had also been gathered to their fathers, another generation rose up who did not know the LORD/Yahweh or the works that He had done for Israel.*

To “_____” was more than just knowledge. It was a relationship. It was intimacy.

Psalm 139:1-4 *O LORD/Yahweh, You have searched me and known me. 2You know when I sit and when I rise; You understand my thoughts from afar. 3You search out my path and my lying down; You are aware of all my ways. 4Even before a word is on my tongue, You know all about it, O LORD/Yahweh.*

The second-generation syndrome is lukewarmness, complacency, and _____ about Yahweh and His truths.

Judges 2:11 *And the Israelites did evil in the sight of the LORD/Yahweh and served the Baals.*

“_____” - Turning from Yahweh to love and serve idols, mini-gods, and non-gods.

The second-generation was held _____ for their own failures and God would not allow them to shift blame to the parents before them.

Here are a few factors that created problems as we look at this second-generation.

1. They were _____ with the status quo.

Commitment is replaced by _____ and then by compromise.

2. They took the blessings of Yahweh for _____ and did not acknowledge Him.

Praise, worship, thanksgiving, and expressing _____ for all Yahweh has done is the greatest protection against the second-generation syndrome.

3. They _____ God's Word.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD/Yahweh our God, the LORD/Yahweh is One. 5And you shall love the LORD/Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6These words I am commanding you today are to be upon your hearts. 7And you shall teach them diligently to your children and speak of them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8Tie them as reminders on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.*

1. We must first love Yahweh wholeheartedly without hypocrisy or _____ in our behavior.
2. Be _____ about your own struggles.

Judges shows us the results of a _____ becoming a _____.

Judges 2:11-23 *And the Israelites did evil in the sight of the LORD/Yahweh and served the Baals. 12Thus they forsook the LORD/Yahweh, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and they followed after various gods of the peoples around them. They bowed down to them and provoked the LORD/Yahweh to anger, 13for they forsook Him and served Baal and the Ashstoreths.*

14*Then the anger of the LORD/Yahweh burned against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of those who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. 15Wherever Israel marched out, the hand of the LORD/Yahweh was against them to bring calamity, just as He had sworn to them. So they were greatly distressed.*

16*Then the LORD/Yahweh raised up judges, who saved them from the hands of those who plundered them.*

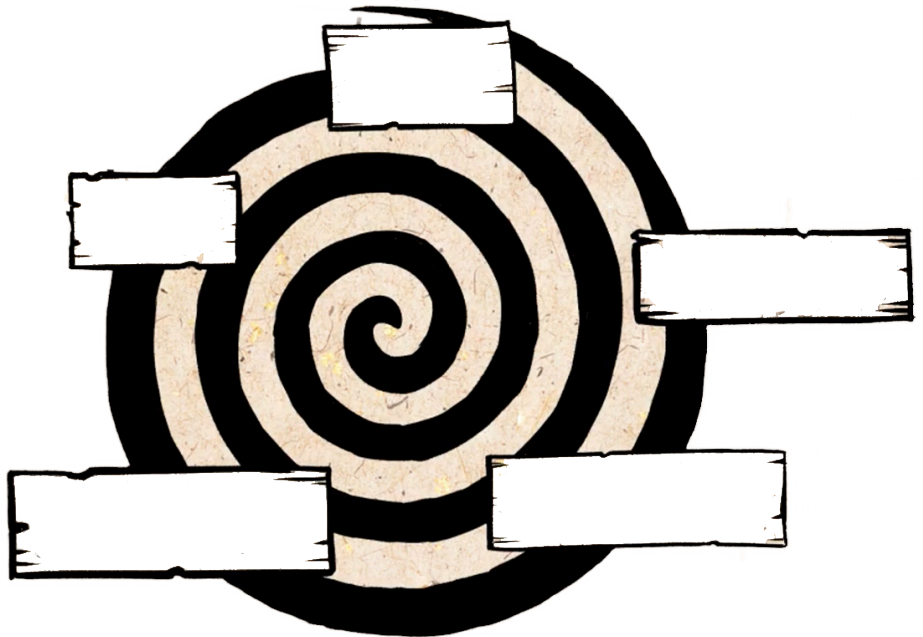
17*Israel, however, did not listen to their judges. Instead, they prostituted themselves with other gods and bowed down to them. They quickly turned from the way of their fathers, who had walked in obedience to the LORD/Yahweh's commandments; they did not do as their fathers had done.*

18*Whenever the LORD/Yahweh raised up a judge for the Israelites, He was with that judge and saved them from the hands of their enemies while the judge was still alive; for the LORD/Yahweh was moved to pity by their groaning under those who oppressed them and afflicted them. 19But when the judge died, the Israelites became even more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods to serve them and bow down to them. They would not give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.*

20*So the anger of the LORD/Yahweh burned against Israel, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed the covenant I laid down for their fathers and has not heeded My voice, 21I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. 22In this way I will test whether Israel will keep the way of the LORD/Yahweh by walking in it as their fathers did." 23That is why the LORD/Yahweh had left those nations in place and had not driven them out immediately by delivering them into the hand of Joshua.*

Judges 2:19 *But when the judge died, the Israelites became even more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods to serve them and bow down to them. They would not give up their evil practices and stubborn ways.*

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Yahweh sees all sin - all idolatry - as _____.

It's easy to make _____ for our sin when we aren't on the receiving end of the offense.