



LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOTES OCTOBER 27, 2017

WHEN GOD GOES ... ANYTHING GOES

Lessons from the Darkest Story in Scripture

Amos 6:6 (NLT)

6 You drink wine by the bowlful and perfume yourselves with fragrant lotions. You care nothing about the ruin of your nation.

THE GREATEST WAR AMERICA IS FIGHTING. IS A WAR AGAINST GOD.

Psalms 2:2 (NIV)

2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

1 Samuel 2:25 NIV

"If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?..."

JUDGES 19

The Defiance of the Concubine (Judges 19:1-2)

The Discovery of the Concubine (Judges 19:3)

The Delay with the Concubine's Father (Judges 19:4-7)

The Departure with the Concubine (Judges 19:8-9)

The Death of the Concubine (Judges 19:10-28)

The Description of the Concubine (Judges 19:29)

The Declaration of what happens to the Concubine (Judges 19:30)

THE BIG IDEA: *A personal sin compounds into the sinful behavior of a city (ch. 19), which grows into the sinful behavior of a tribe (ch. 20), which escalates into the sinful behavior of a nation (ch. 21)! On a personal level, a woman is brutally treated and dismembered, and on the collective level the people of God will nearly amputate one of their own tribes.*

II Corinthians 11:2 (NKJV)

"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

Judges 19:30 (NKJV)

30 And so it was that all who saw it said, "No such deed has been done or seen from the day that the children of Israel came up from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider it, confer, and speak up!"

Judges 20:10 (MSG)

10 We'll take ten of every hundred men from all the tribes of Israel (a hundred of every thousand, and a thousand of every ten thousand) to carry food for the army. When the troops arrive at Gibeah they will settle accounts for this outrageous and vile evil that was done in Israel."

Judges 20:11 (NIV)

11 So all the men of Israel got together and united as one man against the city.

THREE TAKE AWAYS

THINK _____

Judges 2:10-12 (NLT)

10 After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel. 11 The Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight and served the images of Baal. 12 They abandoned the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods, worshiping the gods of the people around them. And they angered the LORD.

In his proclamation of a Fast Day in the spring of 1863 Abraham Lincoln had said the same thing, "We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

TURN _____

Revelation 2:4 (NIV)

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Revelation 2:5 (NLT)

5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don't repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches.

TRUE _____

A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury. – John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)

Romans 14:12 (NKJV)

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Answers:

- 1. Back**
- 2. Back**
- 3. Up**