



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 058 - The Mercenary Levite Judges 17-18

If you want to understand the period of the Judges, just remember the last verse of the book: "In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

- How was that period in Israel's history similar to our world today?
- How does our sinful nature make it dangerous for us to do what is right in *our* own eyes?
- When have you seen someone try to do what was right, but fail in the end because what they thought was right simply wasn't?

Consider Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39b). Jesus' will was perfect because it wasn't twisted and distorted by a sinful nature like ours. And yet He still wanted to do God the Father's will rather than what was right in His own perfect eyes.

- Why is it so hard to truly pray "Not as I will, but as You will"?
- In what ways does our earthly perspective limit our ability to know what is best for us to do?
- What crucial role does Bible study and prayer have in guarding us from doing what is right in our own eyes, but wrong in God's eyes?