

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **PARENTING CLASS:** Join us for this 8 week class on Sundays beginning **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm**. Sign up now! Childcare is available!
- **YOUTH CAR WASH:** The DB Youth are selling tickets (for a donation) to get your car washed on **Sat, May 23, 9am to 2pm** at Freddy's Burgers on 49<sup>th</sup> Ave & Bell Rd. See Ryan Reed or a youth leader to get your ticket now!
- **BARF NIGHT:** **BARF** stands for **B**ring **A** **R**eal **F**riend, so if you are in Children's Ministry 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades, bring a friend & join us **5/29, 6-8pm**! See Kevin for details!
- **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you've been looking for a way to get connected or just want to meet people Hospitality & Children's Ministry Need you! Mark the insert in the bulletin & drop it in the offering box! Thank you!
- **VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Sign up at the info table & be a part of VBS – July 13-17!
- **DB LADIES BOOK CLUB:** Read "Somewhere Between Luck & Trust" by Emilie Richards & meet **6/1, 7pm**. Call Kathy 602-439-1623 for location.
- **RESTORING INTIMACY:** 4 Fridays **beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30pm**. Sign up now! Or go to [www.mattanddebratrusela.com/restoring-intimacy](http://www.mattanddebratrusela.com/restoring-intimacy)
- **HOLY YOGA:** Saturdays, **Beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am**.
- **NEW LIFE HOME GROUP:** Studying "Marriage Today" by Jimmy Evans. Meets Fridays @ 39<sup>th</sup> & Happy Valley. Pick up a card in the lobby for info!
- **EPIC SAN DIEGO CAMPOUT:** **July 24 -27<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up Now in the lobby!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** **August 28-30, 2015**. Chapel Rock, Prescott! Make payments by marking your check & envelope with "Women's Retreat".
- **CHILDCARE NEEDS:** We are looking to hire a couple of part-time childcare workers to provide childcare for mid-week church classes. If interested e-mail [Kevin@dbcc.com](mailto:Kevin@dbcc.com).
- **ANOMALY SCHOLARSHIP NEED:** If you feel led to help send a youth to camp – please put your donations in giving envelope marked "Anomaly"!
- **SUMMER CAMPS FYI:** **Elementary Camp, (UCYC) Please note date has changed! July 24-28**. Jr High Camp, (UCYC), June 12-16. High School Camp (Hume San Diego), June 21-26.

For more info on these and other DB events & service times – check out our website @ [dbcc.com](http://dbcc.com) or call 602-374-4588  
Wifi info: DB Guest Password: **dbguest1**

New Series: **BRAVE HEART** (Courage in a World of Compromise)

It was a time when "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges21:25). God's people found themselves in a self destructive cycle over and over again of Complacency-> Compromise-> Consequences-> Crying out to God-> Covenant Renewal. This study through the O.T. book of Judges will help us to daily face with courage & wisdom the choice between looking to God as our Lord, or following the inevitably destructive spirit & preferences of our pluralistic age.

May 23/24	<b>"Heart-Forgetfulness"</b>	Judges 3:7-31
May 30/31	<b>"Uncommon Faith"</b>	Judges 4:1 – 5:31

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for May 9/10  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$28,913

## May 16/17, 2015

# BRAVE HEART

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## **“Living Among Idols”** Judges2:6-3:6

As Israel fought their way into possession of the promise land, we must fight on toward maturity and fullness of life defeating anything that would stand in the way. It wasn't that Israel “could not” but they “would not” drive out their enemies and therefore now living among idols (Judges1:1-2:5). Nothing can rob you of the fullness of life Christ came to give, except idolatry. Idolatry is at the root of all of our sins. This is the second introduction and a summary of the whole book.

## **The Cycle of Decline and Revival:**

Judges2:6-10

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—God and His saving acts are infinitely valued and central to my life beyond anything else transforming every part of my life. (vv6-7; Matt22:34-40)

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—It is a disposition of dismissal or indifference to desiring God or delighting in God. It could be a sign that you've reached your emotional, physical or spiritual limit or it could be something much more sinister. (V10; Eph2:1-3; Rom1:16; Deut6:4-9, 20-25)

Verses 11-13

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—Evil is the suicidal exchange of the fountain of living waters for broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jer2:13 Unbelief->Pride->Idolatry). Idolatry is making a good thing in creation (i.e. money, romance, children, fitness, etc.) into the ultimate source of our identity, security and significance.

Verses 14-17

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—Counterfeit gods control us when we seek them, disappoint us when we get them and devastate us when we lose them. (Ex20:3; Judges2:3; Ps16:4)

You know you have a counterfeit god when you are inconsolably paralyzed when it's threatened, bitter when it's blocked and depressed when it's lost.

Verse 18

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—True repentance isn't just sorrow for the pain sin has caused me but it is sorrow for the pain sin has caused God as I turn from sin to God. (Rom2:4, 8:1; 1John 1:9; 2Cor7:10-11) It is the sweet sorrow of a justified sinner.

Verses 19-3:6

**C**\_\_\_\_\_—It is a fight for indescribable and indestructible joy in Christ so that I'm not overly attached to good days (success) or overwhelmed by bad days (adversity). (Vv22, 3:1, 4 “test” v2 “to know and learn war” 1Tim6:12; 2Tim4:7; Matt24:12-13) Christ must become more beautiful to your imagination and more desirable to your heart than your idols through spiritual disciplines.

## **Growing Notes**

- 1) What comes to mind when you think about idols or idolatry? As Americans how are we similar to Israel in the Promise Land living among idols?
- 2) Read Judges 2:6-10. What stands out to you from this text? What is a Covenant relationship with God? What happens when a person becomes complacent spiritually and why is it so dangerous?
- 3) Read Judges 2:11-13. How do you see compromise in text? How is compromise evil and ultimately idolatry? Read Judges 2:14-17. What are the consequences of having counterfeit gods and how do I know when I have one?
- 4) Read Judges 2:18. What is true repentance? Read Judges 1:19-3:6. What is Covenant Renewal? Idols can't be removed only replaced. Explain. What is the key to overcoming idols? Pray for Covenant Renewal at db.