

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **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 this Friday, **5/29, 6-8pm!** See Kevin for details!
- **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Get connected & meet people! Hospitality & Children's Ministry Need YOU! Fill out a communication card & drop it in the offering box! Thank you!
- **VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Sign up at the Kids Church Sign In Desk & be a part of VBS – July 13-17!
- **PHX RESCUE MISSION WATER BOTTLE DRIVE:** It is getting hot out! In June, we are having a water drive for the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Bring your cases of water to the church. Thanks!
- **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE YOUTH CAR WASH!:** If you'd like to help send a youth to camp you can donate to the youth scholarship fund by marking your giving envelope with "Anomaly"!
- **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! Registration will begin in a couple of weeks!
- **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 30/31	"Uncommon Faith"	Judges 4:1 – 5:31
June 6/7	"Living in the Land of Dragons 1"	Revelation
June 13/14	"Changes That Last"	Judges 6:1-40

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for May 16/17  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$19,603

**May 23/24,  
2015**

# BRAVE HEART

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## “Heart-Forgetfulness” Judges3:7-31

If God has promised to be with us then we can face anything in life with strength and courage (Josh1:1-9) unless, of course, we are struggling with heart-forgetfulness (Spiritual amnesia). Spiritual amnesia happens when truths about God are clear to the mind but not captivating (real) to the heart. God’s people are in a self destructive cycle: Complacency->Compromise->Crisis->Crying out to God->Covenant Renewal

### Judges 3:7-11

- **Remembering the LORD is a \_\_\_\_\_ theme in the Bible.** v7 They forgot the LORD their God...; Num15:39-40; Deut 5:15; 15:15; 16:12; 24:18, 22; Ex. 12:14; Joshua4:7; Luke22:19; 1Cor11:24-25
- **Who you are can be no better & no worse than the \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in your head.** (Pro. 4:23; Pro.23:7 NASB; Rom. 8:5-8)
- **The problem behind all of my problems is that I \_\_\_\_\_ (Spiritual amnesia).** V11 so the land had rest...; Isa51:12-13; Luke8:25; Pet1:8-11
- **Remembering the LORD is to have truths about who God is and what He has done so central to your awareness that it \_\_\_\_\_ your thoughts, feelings and actions.** Joshua 1:8-9; Ps1:1-3, 103, 119:9-11

### Verses 12-30

- **You must be willing \_\_\_\_\_ your greatest hurts, habits and hang-ups.** V20 “And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber.” Ps42:43; Ps.42:11; Ps103; Phil4:7-8; 2Cor10:3-5
- **The \_\_\_\_\_ of God working through the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is our greatest weapon against sin, Satan & society.** Vv10, 19-20 “I have a message from God for you...” (2xs), Eph5:18, 6:17; Heb4:12
- **Our greatest liabilities can become our \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hands of God to display His Greatness & Goodness.** Isa62:8-9; Ps16:11, 110:1; Judges3:15 literally say’s that Ehud was “unable to use his right hand.” 2Cor12:8-10

### Verse 31

- **For the foolishness of God is \_\_\_\_\_ than men, and the weakness of God is \_\_\_\_\_ than men.** 1Cor1:25
- **Whatever the capacity for human sin and suffering the Gospel has a greater capacity for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** Rom1:16; 1Cor1:18

### Growing Notes

1) What do you think is happening to a person when the truths about God are clear to the mind but not real to the heart? How does this spiritual amnesia contribute to the self-destructive cycle the people of God consistently find themselves in?

2) Read Judges 3:7-11. What was the evil the people of Israel did in the sight of the LORD (v7)? How prominent of a theme in the Bible is “Remembering the LORD?” What does it mean to “Remember the LORD” and how is it the problem behind all of our problems?

3) Read Judges 3:12-30. What stands out to you from this story? When in your own experience have you seen God using unexpected people and/or unpredictable means to do great things? Just as Ehud confronted Israel’s oppressing enemy we must be willing to confront our hurts, habits and hang-ups with the Spirit of God working through the Word of God. Explain. How can our most effective ministry come out of our deepest hurt & misery (v15 literally says that Ehud was “unable to use his right hand” 2Cor12:8-10)?

4) Read Judges 3:31. How is the story of Ehud and Shamgar an example of 1Cor1:25-26, 31? How are you making sure you remember in your heart what you know in your head about God? Do you consciously enjoy the “peace” of having been saved from God and freed from slaving for idols? How will you remember to enjoy it this week? Pray.