

What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **PHX RESCUE MISSION WATER BOTTLE DRIVE:** Thank you to all who donated water! You rock!
- **DB LADIES BOOK CLUB:** We're reading "No River Too Wide" by Emilie Richards. Read it and meet us **Monday, 7/13, 7pm** to chat about it! Call Kathy @ 602-439-1623 for directions!
- **YOUTH PARENT MEETING:** If you are a parent of a youth in Junior High or Senior High this meeting is for you! **Friday, July 17th 6:30pm** in the youth room!
- **SIDEKICKS TRAINING CAMP:** The Children's Ministry is holding an exclusive ONE-OF-A-KIND training camp that will empower kids to truly understand what it means to be a SIDEKICK to the Ultimate Super-Hero... JESUS!! K-6th Graders join us the **first 4 Wednesdays of July (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd) 2-6pm!** Sign up in Children's Ministry!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** It's time to get ready for Retreat!! **August 28-30, 2015.** Chapel Rock, Prescott! Register NOW with your \$50 Deposit at the Women's Ministry table!
- **GRIEFSHARE:** Meets **Thursdays 7pm in suite #101.** If you are dealing with loss, let us help you in your journey from mourning to joy!
- **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!
- **FYI - ELEMENTARY CAMP DATE:** (UCYC) **July 24-28.**

For more info on these and other DB events & service times – check out our website @ 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.

July 4/5	"True Repentance"	Judges 10:6-12:7
July 11/12	"Whose Eyes Matter?"	Judges 12:8-13:25
July 18/19	"Living in the Land of Dragons 2"	Revelation
July 25/26	"Broken Arrow"	Psalms 127

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.
Budget Results for June 20/21
General Giving
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$12,566

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

“Downside of Success” Judges 8:1-10:5

Gideon goes from cowardly (Judges 6) to courageous (Judges 7) to cocky (Judges 8). Gideon is a good leader who goes bad (rancid)...he never becomes an evil man, per se; he just spoils and ruins his ministry and his kids in the process leading the Israelites astray.

Judges 8:1-9 Criticism & contempt against Gideon

Vv10-12, 18-21 Gideon captures and kills the two Midianite leaders.

Vv13-17 The cities of Succoth and Peniel are severely punished for refusing to help Gideon's troops.

Verses 22-23 The grateful Israelites ask Gideon to be their King but he refuses.

Vv24-27, 33-35 Gideon asks for gold from the spoil and makes an ephod that becomes an idol for Gideon and the rest of the Israelites.

Vv28-32 The Land is at peace for 40 years the rest of Gideon's life. Gideon has many wives, one concubine and father's many children.

How do I know Success has gone to my Head?

- 1) I am working _____ my identity rather than _____ my identity in Christ. Judge 6:12
- 2) My prayer, Bible study and consulting with other Christians is _____. Judges 7:15
- 3) I tend to either _____ (vv1-4) or _____ (vv5-9) around certain people.
- 4) I become terribly _____ and _____ toward anyone who stands in the way of my success. Vv13-17; Eph4:26-27; Heb12:15
- 5) I desperately promote myself because I am _____ rather than satisfied in God, living for His glory. Vv18-21
- 6) I _____ that my salvation, sanctification, strength in tough times and satisfaction in life are all by God's amazing grace. V23, 34-35
- 7) I _____ myself for God rather than to be a faithful and humble pointer to Him. V27 I need this person to be complete or if this person needs me I'll be complete.

8) I live a lifestyle of materialistic _____ and _____ my valuable time. Vv24-27, 29-31

Judges 9:1-6 Gideon's son from His concubine, Ambimelech becomes the self-appointed King after murdering all but one of his 70 half brothers.

Vv7-21 Ambimelech's only surviving half brother denounces him through a parable calling Him a “bramble” bush & rebukes those who follow him.

Vv22-56 Ambimelech goes on the warpath to destroy those who don't support him ending with his death.

Between vv8:34-9:57 God is not mentioned at all by his personal covenant name, the LORD. The narrator lifts the curtain of human affairs to show us a glimpse of what God was doing.

Verse 23-24, 56-57

What is the Remedy?

- 1) God _____ His judgment for repentance but will never _____ judgment. 2Pet3:9
- 2) Our greatest problem isn't out there, but in _____.

Judge 10:1-5 The people have completely abandoned God, yet by His grace He sends them Tola & Jair to rescue them from themselves.

- 3) We need the true and better Judge and King Jesus. Nothing _____ more than living for His _____! Luke4:5-8; Mark10:45

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think success tends to go to our head and failure goes to our heart (Pro30:5-6)? When have you been the closest to God: During times of success (pleasure) or failure (pain)? Explain.
- 2) Read & skim over Judges 8:1-10:5 using summary statements of verses in sermon notes. Review the statements under “How do I Know Success Has Gone to My Head” with corresponding verses. Which one(s) are most helpful? Explain.
- 3) Review the statements under “What is the Remedy” with corresponding verses. What would you say is the remedy to keeping success from going to your head and failure from going to your heart?
- 4) Why do you think that sin is what we do when we are not satisfied with Christ (Ps51:12)? What are some things you can do to keep your heart satisfied in Christ (Rom12:11; 2Pet3:18)? Pray for db leaders & church family to be and stay courageously satisfied in Christ.