

What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **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!
- **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" (Judges 21:25). 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 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 27/28
General Giving
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$35,262

**July 04/05,
2015**

BRAVE HEART

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

July 4/5, 2015

Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

“True Repentance” Judges 10:6-12:7

On 4th of July alone, Americans consume 150 million hot dogs. Cheap hot dogs are a very little bit of meat & a whole lot of additives that are not good for you. Our next Judge (Jephthah) is a lot like many American Christians who have a very little bit of the meat of Christian faith with a whole lot of really bad additives from our culture poisoning their lives.

Judges 10:6-9

- Etiology (cause) of sin is _____ -> _____ -> _____.
- An idol is looking to a _____ to give you the meaning, hope and love that only the _____ can give you.
- Idolatry leads to _____ and slavery leads to _____.

Verses 10-14

- Beware of turning from idolatry in an idolatrous way—treating God as a means to an end rather than the end.

Verses 15-16

- True repentance is to _____, even if it means we are going to keep on suffering (though we’d rather not). Why? Because having God is _____ than all that life can give or suffering and death can take away.

Vv17-18 The Israelites are ready to battle the Ammonites and are searching for a man to lead them in battle. The scene is set for God’s deliverer to arrive.

Judges 11:1-11

God’s leaders are “types” who each point to the greatest Judge, the Lord Jesus.

- True repentance is not only accepting Jesus’ _____ of you but more importantly Jesus’ _____ over you. Rom10:9-10, 13

Verses 12-28 Jephthah 1st seeks a peaceful resolution. He uses three arguments: Vv15-22 Historical, Vv23-24 Theological, & Vv25-27 Legal.

- We must speak the _____ in _____ seeking peace with everyone but in the end don’t swagger (tower) or snivel (cower) regardless of their response. 1Pet2:21-23; Rom12:18

Verses 30-32, 34-40

Jephthah had promised God to make a human sacrifice and had obviously expected it to be a servant or someone else not his only child. Why would he do this? (Deut12:31) 1st He had clearly been deeply desensitized to violence by the atrocious cruelty of the pagan cultures around him. 2nd He was not only infected by pagan moral codes, but also by the pagan works-righteousness understanding of God’s Character. Human sacrifice is how you could buy off a pagan god & he obviously had no concept of a God of grace.-TK

- We are far more shaped by the world, than we perceive or would like to admit, than by _____. Rom12:2; Jn8:31-32
- God’s favor is not earned and therefore cannot be unearned but is freely given by grace _____ in Jesus Christ. Eph2:8-9

Judges 12:1-7

Jephthah was diplomatic with the Ammonites but when it came to his own people he was lethal.

- The true test of a life transformed by the Gospel is NOT who you are in public, but who you are in _____ with those who are _____.

Growing Notes

- 1) How are a lot of American Christians like cheap hot dogs—with a very little bit of the meat of Christian faith with a whole lot of really bad additives from our culture, poisoning their lives? What is the solution to a toxic kind of faith (Rom12:2; John8:31-32)?
- 2) Take some time and review the verses of this week’s text along with the corresponding points on the sermon notes. What do you find most comforting? What do you find most disturbing?
- 3) What is an idol? How are the Israelites “turning from idolatry in an idolatrous way” and what does God say to them (Judges10:10-14)? How do they then show true repentance (vv15-16)?
- 4) True repentance is not only accepting Jesus’ rescue of you but more importantly Jesus’ rule over you (Rom10:9-10, 13). Explain. Why did Jephthah make this tragic vow? What can we learn from it? What is the true test of a life transformed by the gospel? Pray.