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Week 7

Opening Prayer

Opening Review:

1. How had success become a snare for Gideon? And what transformation did we observe in Gideon?
2. What are the dangers of success? **Remember strength versus weakness*
3. How do the sins and shortcomings of those in *Judges* ultimately point us forward to Jesus?

Today's Themes and Scripture Passages

- Judges 10:6-12:15
4. What kinds of promises did you make to your parents or teachers growing up?
 5. Did you keep those promises? What were the consequences for keeping or breaking those promises?

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Discussion Questions

6. What did Pastor J.D. mean by the term “hotdog faith”?
7. Israel allowed herself to align with the false gods of the neighboring peoples. When those idols did not save they cried out for mercy. Christian author Tim Keller highlights 4 responses we have when we experience brokenness from idol worship:
 - a. Blame the i_____
 - b. Blame o_____
 - c. Blame the w_____
 - d. Realize we were created for a different world; our souls were created for_____
8. What was wrong with Jephthah’s view of God? How did culture contribute to his understanding of God’s character? More specifically, how does his vow show that he doesn’t fully understand God or His ways?

See Leviticus 20:1-5 and Deuteronomy 18:9-10

9. What are some of the ways we turn to the world to solve our problems as opposed to looking to God? How does this reveal cultural influence?

Personal Application Point: Where do you see this tension in your life?

10. What does it say that Israel has now begun to war against themselves?
11. Pastor J.D. referenced Ephesians 2:8-9 along with a viewpoint of DO versus DONE. What was his point?

Final Takeaways from Today’s lesson:

- We are far more influenced by culture than we recognize (hot dog faith)
- We have a hard time understanding God’s grace and righteousness as *gifts*
- We need a better Judge and Savior

Closing Prayer

Dear God, we confess we are more influenced by our culture than we know. We have traded Your Word in for worldly wisdom and have suffered as a result. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us of our sins and free us from the burdens of cultural influence that will never rescue or save. By Your Holy Spirit and through Your grace, help us to live only to You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.