



CALVARY CHAPEL

Test - Trial - Trust

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- Sin always starts with enticement > failure > lack of peace.

*[Judges 3:7-11](#) The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. **8** The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that he sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years. **9** But when they cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. **10** The Spirit of the Lord came on him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. **11** So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died.*

- **John Wesley:** "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace."
- **HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE:** Our greatest strength is being fully dependent on the Lord.

*[Judges 3:12-25](#) Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. **13** Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. **14** The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. **15** Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and he gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. **16** Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. **17** He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. **18** After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. **19** But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, "Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you." The king said to his attendants, "Leave us!" And they all left. **20** Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, "I have a message from God for you." As the king rose from his seat, **21** Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. **22** Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. **23** Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them. **24** After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, "He must be relieving himself in the inner room of the palace." **25** They waited to the point of embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their lord fallen to the floor, dead.*

- **Billy Sunday:** "I'm against sin. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot, and I'll fight it as long as I've got a fist. I'll butt it as long as I've got a head. I'll bite it as long as I've got a tooth. When I'm old and fistless and footless and toothless, I'll gum it till I go home to Glory and it goes home to perdition."
- **HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE:** Victory over the enemy is achieved through surrender to the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Judges 3:26-31 While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the stone images and escaped to Seirah. **27** When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them. **28** "Follow me," he ordered, "for the Lord has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands." So they followed him down and took possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab; they allowed no one to cross over. **29** At that time they struck down about ten thousand Moabites, all vigorous and strong; not one escaped. **30** That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years. **31** After Ehud came Shamgar son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad. He too saved Israel.

- **HOW TO BREAK THE CYCLE:** Trust the Lord through testing and the trial because He is leading us to peace.
- Testing always starts with a Trial > Trust > Peace with God.

Romans 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace"

Romans 7:24-25 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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