

THE OUTCAST: JEPHTHAH

FLAWED HEROES | JUDGES 10:6-12:7 | JULY 23/24, 2016 | GABRIEL DOUGLAS

1. What are the Israelites continuing to do?

- a. What is evil in the sight of the Lord
- b. Worshiping the gods of the people they had conquered
- c. Forsaking what God has done for them

2. Jephthah

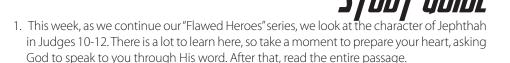
- a. Son of prostitute
- b. Kicked out of homeland by half-brothers
- c. Mighty warrior
- d. This mighty warrior that has been forsaken by the people of his homeland is supposed to save the day

3. Jephthah's tragic vow

- a. If God gives him victory, will sacrifice whoever comes out of his house first
- b. Daughter comes out
- c. Tragic mistake by a man motivated by greed

4. Takeaways from Jephthah

- a. God's love is not complete without His wrath
- b. Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith
- c. God calls us into a life of being humble before him, not a life of greed without Him



- 2. Do you think Jephthah believed in God?
- 3. What does God and His silence add to this story?
- 4. Have you struggled with God being silent in your prayer life?
- 5. How does this Old Testament story relate to the greater story of the Gospel we believe in?
- 6. Do you think Jephthah's argument to the king in 11:12-27 is entirely true?
- 7. Why don't the people help Jephthah fight the battle?
- 8. Look at the passage in Hebrews 12:1-2. What does it mean that Jesus is the perfecter of our faith?
- 9. Why wouldn't God come down and save the Israelites right away, since He is an all-powerful God?
- 10. In what ways are you challenged by this passage?

[Next week we continue the "Flawed Heroes" series by looking at the story of Samson in Judges 13:1-15:20. Read that passage ahead of time and pray that God speaks to us through this story.]