



The God Who is There

JUDGES 9

Judges 9 is a dark chapter. God appears absent. Evil seems unchecked. Justice feels delayed. Yet behind the scenes, God is:

Listening for the honest heart

Disrupting self-destructive plans

Working out justice in real time

This study explores how to live faithfully when God seems silent.

Review the Sermon

Read Judges 9:1-57.

What evidence in Judges 9 makes it feel like God is absent?

What does “Listen to me...that God may listen to you” (v7) reveal about repentance?

How does 1 Peter 2:21-24 give believers a model for enduring injustice?

Assess your Life

When have you experienced a season where God felt absent?

Have you experienced consequences that revealed God frustrating your plans?



How does your view of God affect how you handle disappointment?

Apply the Truth

What would it look like for you to look up instead of looking inward during hardship?

How can you practice honest confession this week?

Where do you need to surrender control and trust God's purposes?

Commit this Week

Will you commit to living in the presence of God and trusting his faithfulness, even when he feels absent in your circumstances?

"For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

(1 Peter 2:21–24, ESV)