



No Negotiations

JUDGES 10-12

When things go south, we look up based on a covenant rather than our bargaining skills.

Review the Sermon

Read Judges 11:29-40.

What is the difference between a relationship based on a covenant and a relationship based on a negotiation?

Why is Jephthah's vow in Judges 11:30-31 considered shocking and tragic? How has his worldview been influenced by pagan culture?

What are some of the dangers of bargaining with God? How do those dangers differ with a covenant relationship with God?

Assess your Life

When circumstances go south for you, is your instinct to trust God or negotiate with him?

What are you most tempted to want from God besides God himself?

Where are you demanding God perform according to your preferred outcome?



Apply the Truth

What practical steps can help shift your prayer life from bargaining to surrender?

How can you cultivate desire for God's presence rather than merely the things he can give you (Ps. 27:4)?

How might covenant thinking change your relationship with God, as well as your marriage, parenting, and leadership?

Commit this Week

Will you commit to spending time with God this week, without attempting to negotiate all the things you'd like him to do and give?

"One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." (Psalm 27:4, ESV)