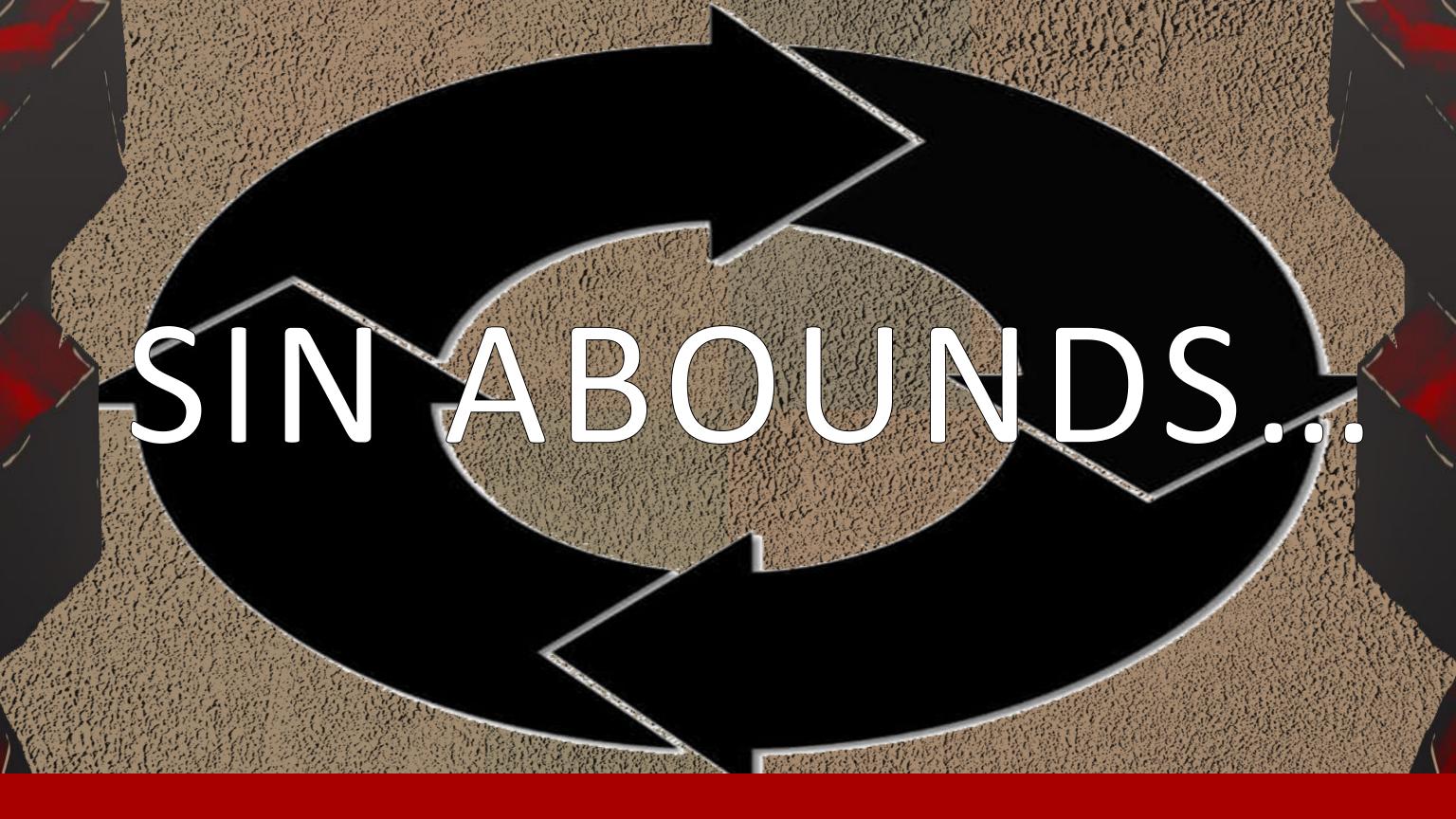


Judges 19:1-30

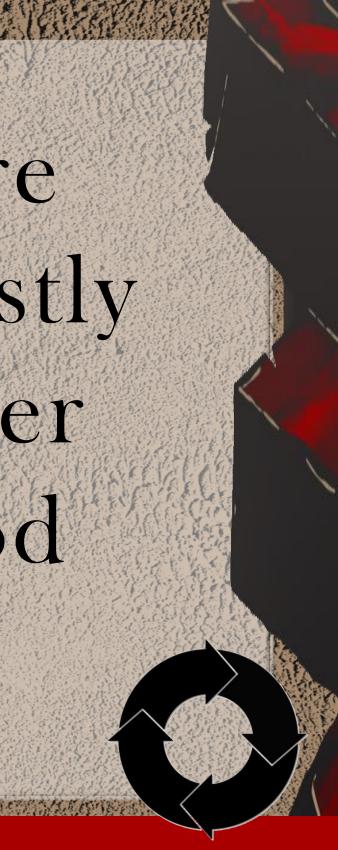




Judges 19:1-2 It's interesting that this next account will again center around someone from the Tribe of Levi



The Tribe of Levi were supposed to be the priestly nation, helping to center Israel on following God



This Levite took for himself a concubine (a 2nd wife of sorts) She runs away & goes to her father's house & was there for 4 months



Judges 19:3 The father was pleased that the Levite came to get her & appeared to be interested in reconciling with her



Judges 19:4-7 For 3 days the Levite stayed at the father's house (eating and drinking)



However, upon the 4th day the Levite got up early & started preparing to head back home (father requests they eat before they go back home)



With a little pressure, the Levite agrees to stay one more night



Judges 19:8-9 On the 5th day, the Levite tried again to leave & the concubine's father said the same thing as the day before



Judges 19:10-15 NOT wanting to be detained any further, the Levite packs up & heads out



Eventually, he arrives at the doorstep of Jebus (Jerusalem) with his concubine, a servant, & his 2 donkeys





At the time of Judges, Jerusalem was a pagan city & the Levite refuses to lodge in a city of foreigners So they go a little further to Gibeah (belongs to the Tribe of Benjamin)



Judges 19:16-21 From afar an old man (from Ephraim) sees this group & invites them to his house (a sign of hospitality)



SUMMARY Reason this passage is included = to move the reader to a place of horror



A proper healthy view of SIN, puts into focus a proper healthy view of GRACE! Romans 5:1-21



God's GRACE... 1. Justifies us 2. Gives us Hope 3. Gives us Unmerited Love from God



God's GRACE... 4. Saves us from the Wrath of God 5. Reconciles us



Where our SIN abounds, GRACE abounds ALL THE MORE!!!

