



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't



Faithful
Father

In order to really
understand the Book of
Judges, you have to see
what transpired **previously**
(Joshua 24)



Joshua was the **leader**,
who God used to bring
the Children of Israel into
the **Promised Land**



Despite being in the
Promised Land, each of the
12 tribes were responsible
to **drive out** the inhabitants
of the land

Joshua 24:1-13



Dwell on the **Faithfulness**
of our Heavenly Father
Keep your **focus** on God &
remember what He's done
(your present situation
DOESN'T surprise God)



Joshua 24:14-28

Do something with
the faith we've put
in our Heavenly Father



Serving, worshiping, &
glorifying God were **non-**
negotiables for Joshua & his
family (God was top priority)

Our **faith** is **evidenced**
by our **works**



Judges 1:1-3

After Joshua dies, Israel
starts off on the right foot



It's impossible for anyone
to follow, if we are **NOT**
looking at & **listening** to our
Heavenly Father's instructions
Judges 2:1-5



Israel **disobeyed** God
& God then uses the very
nations He told them
to drive out to drive them
to their **knees**



Instead of Dwelling on the
Faithfulness of their Heavenly
Father, Israel **Dabbles** with
the Feeble Heathen **Fakes**

Judges 2:11-23



Cycle of Apostasy

Worship
False gods

Land has
Peace

Sold to
Another People

Judge Brings
Salvation

Israel
Cries Out
to God

God Raises
Up a Judge



Each time God uses the Judge
to deliver Israel from the
oppression they were facing,
Israel gets **comfortable** &
complacent & reverts back
to serving, worshiping, &
following counterfeit gods



Judges 8:22-30

On the heels of God
delivering Israel from the
hands of the Midianites,
Israel wants Gideon & his
sons to be their **kings**



Gideon directs Israel's
attention back to the **Source**
of their **deliverance**,
their Heavenly Father



Unfortunately, Gideon
wanted a **special memento**
to remember what
the Lord had done
(an **ephod**)



SO WHAT?

