



Judges:

Coulda  
Shoulda

But Didn't

# Judges 10:1-18



“Lord, expose & address sin in  
our lives; may we **NEVER** get  
comfortable in the presence of sin;  
& may that reality of what Jesus  
Christ saved us from leave us  
in pure amazement  
& forever gratitude”





The “gods”  
Which You  
Have Chosen

Judges 10:1-2

“Tola” = **Worm** (possibly  
because he was in the  
purple dye trade?)

Judges 10:3-5



It's possible that Jair's 30  
sons were appointed under  
him to go around  
administering **justice**  
(similar to Samuel's sons)

Judges 10:6-7



Israel was willing to look  
**anywhere** for help, other  
than the **ONE** place help  
was to be found - **YHWH**



Intermarrying & years of  
being around these  
Canaanites led Israel to  
**dabble** & eventually **dwell** with  
these fake gods





Seeing this & knowing  
their wicked hearts led  
God to **bubble** with **anger**  
(like molten lava)



It seems like **ONE** of the  
quickest ways to incite that  
type of anger from God is  
through **idolatry**  
(a **wandering** heart)



Here was Israel's root  
problem - they DIDN'T  
always like the way God  
chose & they thought they  
**knew better** than God



Like God had done several times before, God gives the Israelites over into the hands of a pair of oppressive nations (the **Philistines** & the **Ammonites**)



# Judges 10:8-9

“**Afflicted**” = to dash in pieces;  
to shatter; to regularly harass



Do you get the sense that the Ammonites are **frequently crossing** the Jordan River to attack Judah, Benjamin, & Ephraim?

Judges 10:10



Israel **acknowledges** that  
they've **sinned** against God  
The solution was **confess** &  
**repent** (Go to the Lord  
& ask forgiveness)

Judges 10:11



Joshua 10:5

Judges 3:13

Judges 3:31





God was reminding Israel  
of how He has ALWAYS  
been **faithful** & **caring** for  
them (even when they  
were NOT deserving)



Judges 10:12-13

Judges 10:14

For so long, God was  
**pushed** to the **sidelines**  
& Israel chose other  
“gods” over Him



# Judges 10:15-16

What makes this time **different**  
is the Children of Israel  
followed up their words with  
**action** (Israel **repented**)

# Judges 10:17-18



SO WHAT?

