



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 12:1-15





The Wham-Bam
in Ephraim

Judges 12:1

The men in Ephraim
(the same tribe that came
& asked a similar question
to **Gideon**) were gathered
together



Ephraim wanted to
receive credit & praise
(they were **jealous**)



Like with ALL sin,
untreated **jealousy** is a
gateway sin to other sin &
more sin (sin DOESN'T
stay **contained**)



Because you **HAVEN'T**
included us in this **fight**,
we will **burn** your house
down (with you in it)

Judges 12:2-3



There appears to have
been **ample opportunity**
for Ephraim to participate
in the battle
(Ephraim stood by
& did NOTHING)



Gideon displayed
self-control ... used a **soft**
answer to turn away wrath
... & his answer stopped
Ephraim in their tracks



Jephthah gets **defensive** ...
finds **fault** ... & instigates
Ephraim, which further
turned up the **tension**
Judges 12:4



To make matters worse,
Jephthah actually **fought**
Ephraim



A silly fight coming out
from one group who was
envious & the other
group who was **prideful**



It seems like there was
a war of **words** before there
was a **physical** war

Judges 12:5-6



Sadly, in total there were roughly **42,000** Ephraimites, who died over what was honestly a silly conflict

Judges 12:7

Judges 12:8-10



Following Jephthah was
the next judge, named **Ibzan**

Judges 12:11-12

Next in line of judges
came **Elon**



Judges 12:13-15
& the last judge we'll
look at today was **Abdon**



The lack of information
written about these
3 judges probably indicates
that there was **NOTHING**
eventful to write about



SO WHAT?

Proverbs 15:1

