

THIS CHANGED ME.

PART 2 Judge Jephthah

1. **REJECTED.** (v. 1-2)
2. Renegade or **RESCUER?** (v. 3)
1 Samuel 22:1-12
3. **REFINED.** (v. 4-11)
4. **REASONABLE.** (v. 12-28)
5. Rash or **RIGHTEOUS?** (v. 29-40)
Deuteronomy 23:21-23; Leviticus 5:4-6
6. **REMEMBERED.**
Hebrews 11:32-34

Takeaways:

- ⇕ 1. Don't let a "but" in your life keep you from thinking you can be used of God.
- 2. Don't waste what can be refining time.
- 3. Don't make rash promises—but also don't play it too safe. Trust God for a great adventure and victories!

Next Steps:

Give your life afresh to Christ; study his Word and join the battle!

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Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



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Food for Thought...

1. Jephthah was rejected by his family due to his background (Judges 11:1-2). How does his story illustrate that God can use anyone, regardless of their past or societal status? Reflect on how this applies to your own life. **Look up 1 Corinthians 1:26-29** and consider how Paul's words about God choosing the "foolish" and "weak" connect to Jephthah's experience.

2. **Judges 11:3** describes Jephthah as a leader of "worthless men," yet he becomes a deliverer for Israel. How does this duality reflect the potential for God to transform our roles and purposes? **Read 1 Samuel 22:1-2** and compare David's band of outcasts with Jephthah's group. How do both stories show God's ability to work through unlikely individuals?

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

Welcome to **Wawasee!**

This is who all of us are growing to *become* in Christ at Wawasee Bible...



SECURE SON/DAUGHTER

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



COURAGEOUS CONNECTOR

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



READY STORYTELLER

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



LEGACY BUILDER

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁶ For **consider** your **calling**, **brothers**: not **many** of you were **wise according** to worldly **standards**,

not **many** were

powerful, not **many**

were of **noble birth**. ²⁷

But God **chose** what is

foolish in the world to

shame the **wise**; God

chose what is **weak** in

the world to **shame** the

strong; ²⁸ God **chose**

what is low and

despised in the world,

even things that are

not, to **bring** to **nothing**

things that are, ²⁹ so

that no **human being**

might **boast** in the

presence of God.

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Food for Thought *(continued)*

- Jephthah's time of rejection and exile (**Judges 11:4-11**) prepared him for leadership. How can difficult seasons in your life serve as a refining process for God's purposes? Reflect on a personal experience where challenges led to growth. How does **Romans 5:3-5** support the idea that suffering can produce character and hope?

- In **Judges 11:12-28**, Jephthah engages diplomatically before conflict, showing a reasoned approach. How can we balance standing firm in faith with being reasonable in our interactions with others? Consider how this applies to sharing your faith or resolving conflicts. **Reflect on Proverbs 15:1 and Matthew 5:9**—how do these verses guide us in handling disputes with wisdom and peace?

- Jephthah's vow (**Judges 11:29-40**) raises questions... How can we discern between impulsive promises and bold faith? **Look up Deuteronomy 23:21-23 and Leviticus 5:4-6** and explore the biblical principles around vows. How do these passages, alongside **Ecclesiastes 5:4-5**, emphasize the importance of keeping commitments to God while avoiding hasty pledges?



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JUDGES 11



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