

## Don't Waste a Good Start

Judges 2:1-13

- I. We must understand real repentance: Israel wept when God confronted them, but did not really change (Judges 2:1-5).
- A. God assured Israel of His love, but rebuked them for making covenants with the Canaanites (Judges 2:1)
  - B. God disciplined them by refusing to give them victory over the Canaanites (2:3).
  - C. The people of Israel wept, but probably not in true brokenness (2:4-5; see Numbers 14:1; Judges 21:2-4)
    - Do we weep over our sin or just our consequences?

<p style="text-align: center;">God-Focused Repentance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Focus on God's <u>Grace</u> – He forgives.</li><li>2. Focus on God's <u>Holiness</u> – He deserves absolute purity.</li><li>3. Focus on God's <u>Help</u> – He gave us His word and His Holy Spirit.</li></ol>
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- II. We must go on spiritually when our leaders are gone: Israel obeyed God while Joshua and the elders led them, but not after (Judges 2:6-13).
- A. While Joshua and the elders of his time lived, the people continued to follow the Lord (Judges 2:6-9).
  - B. The generation after Joshua did not know God or His miracles and they worshipped Baal (2:10-13).
    - The importance of godly leadership: Do I lead/influence others to believe and obey God?
    - The importance of godly parenting: Is my goal in parenting to influence my children to fully pursue and obey God?