

Discover your <u>IDENTITY</u>

Look at <u>YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES</u> vs. Listen to <u>WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU</u>

Decide your <u>ACTIVITY</u>

Wait for strength <u>YOU DON'T HAVE</u> vs. Go in the strength <u>YOU DO HAVE</u>

Determine your <u>CAPACITY</u>

Rely on <u>YOUR RESOURCES</u> vs. Watch God use <u>YOUR WEAKNESSES</u>

what is the process?

- 1. God <u>REDUCES</u> our resources
- 2. God MAGNIFIES our need
- 3. Someone <u>TRUSTS GOD</u> with what little they have
- 4. God uses the little we have to show HOW GREAT He is
- **5.** God <u>WORKS</u> through <u>US</u> to accomplish his will

JUDGES

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KEY THEMES

A demonstration of Israel's downward spiral (both nationally and spiritually) into chaos and apostasy when idolatry is embraced.

JUDGES 17:6

"In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

KEY VERSE

SYNOPSIS:

Once the Hebrew people settled into the Promised Land, there were appointed 12 leaders ("judges", whose temporary leadership was both civil and military). Throughout this period in history, Israel became more and more idolatrous and unfaithful to the one true God. And as the covenant promised, it led them into a very dark period. Yet, God showed himself faithful, even when his people were far from it. He delivered them (not because of their merit or repentance) but because of his compassion and promises.