

WHAT TO DO WHEN FACED WITH INSIDE BATTLES

THEME: GOD'S GRACE IS GREATER THAN ANY CONSEQUENCE OF SIN

OBJECTIVE: LEARN HOW NOT TO FALL PREY TO SELF-EXALTATION

JUDGES 8:18-27

PART 2

PROVERBS 4:23, "ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART, FOR IT IS THE WELLSPRING OF LIFE."

3. WHEN FACED WITH THE INSIDE BATTLE: REPLY RIGHTLY V.22-23

2 TIMOTHY 4:7, "I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."

LONGING FOR THE RULE OF MEN WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO BEING RULED BY MEN. WE SHOULD RATHER, LONG TO BEING RULED BY GOD.

LET US NEVER FORGET, GOD IS ALWAYS OUR HERO OF DELIVERANCE, NOT MAN.

ACTS 14:14-15, WHEN THE PEOPLE CALLED PAUL AND BARNABAS GODS, "THEY TORE THEIR GARMENTS AND RUSHED OUT INTO THE CROWDS, CRYING OUT, MEN, WHY ARE YOU DOING THESE THINGS? WE ALSO ARE MEN, OF LIKE NATURE WITH YOU, AND WE BRING YOU GOOD NEWS, THAT YOU SHOULD TURN FROM THESE VAIN THINGS TO A LIVING GOD, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM."

EXALT YOURSELF AND YOU WILL BE HUMBLLED. YET, WHEN YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF, GOD WILL BE EXALTED.

PSALM 106:14-15, "BUT THEY HAD A WANTON CRAVING IN THE WILDERNESS, AND PUT GOD TO THE TEST IN THE DESERT; HE GAVE THEM WHAT THEY ASKED, BUT SENT A WASTING DISEASE AMONG THEM."

4. WHEN FACED WITH THE INSIDE BATTLE: REJECT ROYALTY V.24-27

PRIDE ALWAYS WANTS TO POSSESS MORE THAN IS DESERVED."

JOHN CALVIN, "THE HUMAN HEART IS A PERPETUAL IDOL FACTORY."

PRIDE EXISTENT IS PRIDE EXPLOSIVE AND ULTIMATELY PRIDE DESTRUCTIVE TO US, AS WELL AS OTHERS.

COUNTERFEIT WORSHIP OF GOD IS A CLEAR EXPRESSION OF PRIDE.

MATTHEW 18:6, "BUT WHOEVER CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO SIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A GREAT MILLSTONE FASTENED AROUND HIS NECK AND TO BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTH OF THE SEA."