

## Strong Tower Bible Study

### Agenda

### Lesson #7

Time 6:00pm -7:30pm

Topic: Where do you go for Advice?

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Scripture text:** Judges 20:18-28

<sup>18</sup> The Israelites went up to Bethel and inquired of God. They said, “Who of us is to go up first to fight against the Benjamites?”

The Lord replied, “Judah shall go first.”

<sup>19</sup> The next morning the Israelites got up and pitched camp near Gibeah. <sup>20</sup> The Israelites went out to fight the Benjamites and took up battle positions against them at Gibeah. <sup>21</sup> The Benjamites came out of Gibeah and cut down twenty-two thousand Israelites on the battlefield that day. <sup>22</sup> But the Israelites encouraged one another and again took up their positions where they had stationed themselves the first day. <sup>23</sup> The Israelites went up and wept before the Lord until evening, and they inquired of the Lord. They said, “Shall we go up again to fight against the Benjamites, our fellow Israelites?”

The Lord answered, “Go up against them.”

<sup>24</sup> Then the Israelites drew near to Benjamin the second day. <sup>25</sup> This time, when the Benjamites came out from Gibeah to oppose them, they cut down another eighteen thousand Israelites, all of them armed with swords.

<sup>26</sup> Then all the Israelites, the whole army, went up to Bethel, and there they sat weeping before the Lord. They fasted that day until evening and presented burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to the Lord. <sup>27</sup> And the Israelites inquired of the Lord. (In those days the ark of the covenant of God was there, <sup>28</sup> with Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, ministering before it.) They asked, “Shall we go up again to fight against the Benjamites, our fellow Israelites, or not?”

The Lord responded, “Go, for tomorrow I will give them into your hands.”

### **Things to know:**

- Our thinking shapes what we believe.
- Our only sure resource for true and wise guidance is Scripture.
- God’s word is living and active, sharper than any double edge sword-  
Hebrews 4:12
- The word of God can split bone from marrow, and spirit from soul.
- Letting the word be your guide requires change in your thoughts, attitude, and behavior.
- The Israelites consulted God before making a huge life decision, will you?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was the first thing the children of Israel did when they needed advice? Vs 18
2. How did the children of Israel respond to God’s answer? Vs 19-20

3. What could the Israelites have used as an excuse? Vs 21
4. How did the Israelites recover? Vs 22
5. What did the children of Isreal do a second time? And what did God say? Vs 23
6. What happened to the Israelites in verse 24-25? Would you give up at this point? Why or why not?
7. What did the Israelites do in return for their outcome? Where did they go for advice? Vs 26-27
8. What did God say in response? In Vs 28

### **Faith in Action:**

- Remember who is in charge: Jeremiah 32:17
- Prepare for bed one hour early
- Reach out to encourage another loved one
- Monitor your words (Pray first) Proverbs 16:24
- Try a new Biblical food this week (it becomes a healthy tool you can cook with)

### **Healthy foods of the week:**

**Raw honey**-Proverbs 16:24, Exodus 3:8- A key sweetener and symbol of abundance

**Olives and Olive Oil**- Exodus 27:20 - Olives were essential for food, oil, and lamp fuel. Olive oil was used in cooking, anointing, and temple services.

### **Challenge of the Week: Start today!**

Read your bible, Worship the Lord for who He is and has been to you,  
Seek the positive in every situation (Look at what God is doing in you)  
Try a new recipe (see your email attachment)

### **Scripture Application:**

Psalms 27:14-What is hard about this scripture? And what is the gain?

Leviticus 19:31-What is the warning?

Isaiah 58:11-What will the Lord do for those who turn to Him?

### **Closing Prayer**