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# FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord.” This phrase is repeated over and over and over again, multiple times, almost annoyingly, in the book of Judges. Why would the Israelites not learn? They did, but a generation later, forgot. “Thus the sons of Israel did not remember the Lord their God who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side” (Judges 8:34).

The Israelites did evil; there were consequences; the Lord sent a judge to deliver them; they experienced peace and rest for approximately 40 years, a generation. Unfortunately, the Israelites who experienced God’s deliverance and grace did not pass on this knowledge to those generations that came after - their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They did not know or remember the greatness of God and, “again did evil in the sight of the Lord.”

“One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4) A few years ago, Joe Wells preached a memorable sermon about passing down the “Family Bible”, asking families and the church if their faith in God had been passed down to younger generations. Passing down the “Family Bible” represents the importance of not only serving God and praising His works and mighty acts, but also teaching and admonishing those that are younger, less experienced and less knowledgeable, showing them how to serve and love the Lord. If the young of our church do not see loving and serving God as our first priority in life, God will likely not even be a priority in theirs.

The stories of the judges of Israel repeatedly illustrate the cycle of the people of Israel sinning against God, consequences of oppression and civil unrest, deliverance by a judge and living in peace for a time, and forgetting God and turning back to sin. Judges is a testament of the responsibility of generations to pass down the knowledge of God. Are we passing down the knowledge of the book of Judges? Are we passing down the “Family Bible”?

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