

“Heroes Of The Faith” – JEPHTHAH

INTRODUCTION: Hebrews 11:32

Judges 11:1 – God can use ANYONE in His service – 1 Cor. 1:26-30

- God loves to use the “*handicapped*” ... He gets all the glory!

11:2 – Jephthah was an “*outcast*” – John 7:5

- People will do extreme things to “*fit in*” – John 2:15-17

11:3 – Jephthah formed an army of “*misfits*” ... he used his talents.

- We will be judged for what we CAN do, not what we CAN'T do.

- The CHURCH is a group of “*outcasts*” ... “*narrow-minded*”.

11:4-6 – They “*swallowed their pride*” ... they needed Jephthah.

- We need God ... and the world needs YOU.

11:7-11 – They will accept his leadership even after his victory – **11:9**

- Jephthah then consults the Lord – **11:11**

- When a “*good deal*” comes along, do you fail to consult God?

- Satan has some “*good deals*” for you TOO!

11:29, 32 – Jephthah wanted God’s will for the battle.

- God has your “*best interest*” in mind ... He’ll never forsake you.

- You’re never out of His thoughts, sight, mind ... He is faithful.

11:32 – VICTORY ... because of his “*consecration*”, not “*courage*”.

- Get on God’s side ... don’t fight against Him.

11:30-31 – It’s not necessary to “*bargain*” with God.

- Be careful of making vows to God – Ecclesiastes 5:2, 4-5

11:34-35 – He didn’t expect his daughter to be a part of his vow.

- A “*burnt offering*” was given for “*total surrender*” to God.

- He wouldn’t make a vow he knew God wouldn’t accept.

- His daughter would serve God the rest of her life ... never marry.

11:37-40 – She agrees to be a “*sacrifice of service*” to God.

CONCLUSION:

1 Have you failed to keep a vow to God?

2 A vow to God is a sacred, serious thing.

2 Maybe, we NEED to make a vow to God!