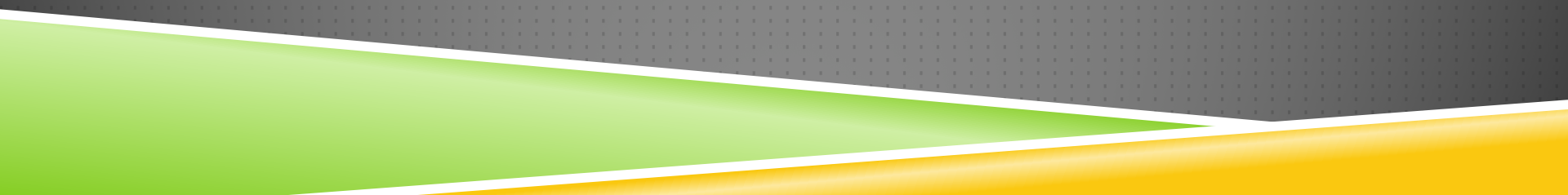


JEPHTHAH

TRIAL TO TRIUMPH

JUDGES 11:1-11

- 1 Now Jephthah of Gilead was a great warrior. He was the son of Gilead, but his mother was a prostitute.
 - 2 Gilead's wife also had several sons, and when these half brothers grew up, they chased Jephthah off the land. "You will not get any of our father's inheritance," they said, "for you are the son of a prostitute."
 - 3 So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Soon he had a band of worthless rebels following him.
 - 4 At about this time, the Ammonites began their war against Israel.
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JUDGES 11:1-11

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5 When the Ammonites attacked, the elders of Gilead sent for Jephthah in the land of Tob. The elders said, 6 “Come and be our commander! Help us fight the Ammonites!”

7 But Jephthah said to them, “Aren’t you the ones who hated me and drove me from my father’s house? Why do you come to me now when you’re in trouble?”

8 “Because we need you,” the elders replied. “If you lead us in battle against the Ammonites, we will make you ruler over all the people of Gilead.”

JUDGES 11:1-11

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9 Jephthah said to the elders, “Let me get this straight. If I come with you and if the LORD gives me victory over the Ammonites, will you really make me ruler over all the people?”

10 “The LORD is our witness,” the elders replied. “We promise to do whatever you say.”

11 So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him their ruler and commander of the army.

HEBREWS 11:32-34

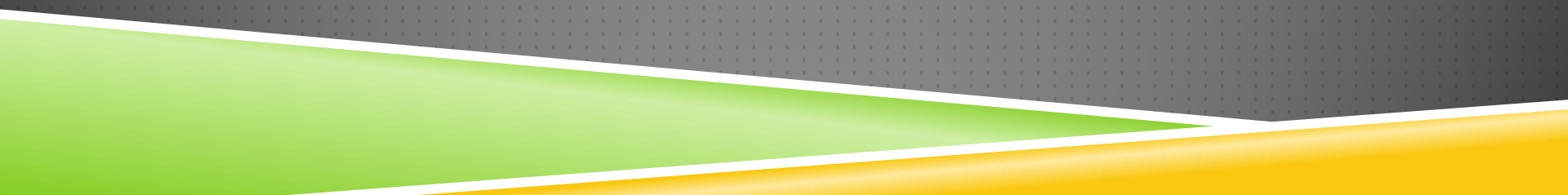
*And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith **subdued kingdoms**, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, **became valiant in battle**, **turned to flight the armies of the aliens**.*

I CORINTHIANS 10:11

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

| **Jephthah was a great warrior.**

- 1 Jephthah was a great warrior.
- 2 Jephthah had a rough start.

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 - 3 Jephthah's brothers despised him.
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Deuteronomy 23:2

“If a person is illegitimate by birth, neither he nor his descendants for ten generations may be admitted to the assembly of the LORD.”

4 Jephthah fled to the land of Tob.

“So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Soon he had a band of worthless rebels following him.”
Judges 11:3

OTHER TRANSLATIONS

- Vain fellows (ASV)
- Riff raff (MSG)
- Worthless men (GNB)
- Good for nothing men (BBE)
- Men who weren't good for anything (Nlrv)
- A group of adventurers (NIV)
- A gang of scoundrels (TNIV)

5 Jephthah became captain over this riff-raff.

6. Jephthah closed the door on the past.

7 Jephthah got an unexpected call.

Judges 11:5-11

If you lead us in battle against the Ammonites, we will make you ruler over all the people of Gilead.” Jephthah said to the elders, “Let me get this straight. If I come with you and if the LORD gives me victory over the Ammonites, will you really make me ruler over all the people?” “The LORD is our witness,” the elders replied. “We promise to do whatever you say.” So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him their ruler and commander of the army.

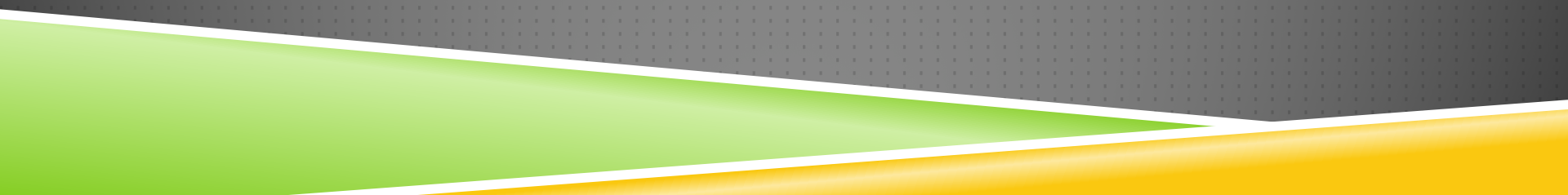
8 Jephthah became the head of the armies of Israel.

9 Jephthah subdued 20 cities and went on to judge Israel for 6 years before he died.

STRIKES AGAINST HIM

- He was the son of a prostitute.
- He was rejected by his brethren.
- He was cut off from his natural inheritance and left in total poverty.
- He chose to run from his trouble.
- He ended up in a company of negative companions.
- He had everything against him and on top of that the Law of Moses also seemed to condemn him.

WE OVERCOME WHEN...

- We do not allow our past to define us—in Christ all things have become new.
 - We do not blame others for our predicament.
 - We respond positively to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - We focus on what we can do, not on what we cannot do.
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WE OVERCOME WHEN...

- We focus on what resources we do have, not what resources we do not have.
- We stand strong in faith believing that God can bring us into your destiny regardless of what man may do to us.
- We do not use the calamity of others as a time to gloat or repay evil for evil.

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