

Courage to trust God when others don't

Judges 3:12-31

- I. **Ehud: Working alone to inspire many to trust God (Judges 3:12-30).**
 - A. Ehud's story of conquest
 - B. Ehud's example worth following
 1. **Courage**: Ehud risked death by planning to kill Eglon.
 2. **Trust in God**: Ehud executed his plan calmly under pressure (3:18-26).
 3. **Shrewdness**: Ehud realized that the only way to win was by working alone – Eglon had 10,000 troops (3:29)!
 4. **Spiritual leadership**: Ehud invited others to act based on faith in God (3:27-29).
 - Courage is being willing to trust God – even if there seems to be no way out and no one who will join you.
 - Wisdom is to seek for solutions from God that require me to trust, but also act.
 - Spiritual leadership is asking others to actively trust God with you.

- II. **Shamgar: Working alone to accomplish what others are afraid to do (Judges 3:31).**
 - A. Shamgar's story of conquest
 - B. Shamgar's example worth following
 1. **Faith**: Shamgar trusted God to help him overcome extreme odds – defeating 600 Philistines.
 2. **Creativity**: Shamgar used an unconventional weapon to battle the Philistines.
 3. **Courage in a time of fear**: Shamgar fought when others wouldn't even travel roads in fear of attack (Judges 5:6).
 - Courage is facing fears instead of hiding from them.
 - Faith is trusting that God can use me differently than He uses others.