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**The Tragedy Of Forgetting God**

Judges 2:1-15, 3:1-31

**Key Truth:** Our hearts are prone to forget the grace of God, yet the gospel is the cure for our forgetfulness.

**A Look Back At Israel’s History:** Deuteronomy 7

1. They had been chosen by God.

2. They had been protected and provided for by God.

3. They had received an inheritance from God.

4. They were to be God’s representatives to the surrounding

nations.

**The Problem with Israel:**

1. Their failure to live up to the Covenant.

A. Covenants do have conditions.

B. God expects us to obey the commandments He has

prescribed in order to see the promises fulfilled.

2. Their disobedience leads to disaster.

A. When we disobey God we have no power to defeat the

enemy.

B. Partial obedience is still disobedience.

3. Their failure to past down the knowledge of God to their

children. Joshua 24:15. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

**Principles to take home:** Romans 15:4, 1 Corinthians 10:6-11

1. When we disobey God we forfeit His blessings and protection.

2. When we cry out for help, God comes to the rescue.

3. Jesus Christ is the true judge who has delivered us from sin

and still lives to make intercession for us.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Let the light of Jesus Christ shine bright in your life. Refuse to compromise your relationship with Jesus for friendship with the world.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**Read Deuteronomy 7:1-5:** Part of the challenge of living the Christian life is the fact that on one hand it takes contact to have an impact – yet on the other hand, too much or too close contact with the wrong people can negatively impact our own relationship with God. How would you suggest we balance the teaching in Matthew 5:13-16 with the teaching in James 4:4?

**Read Judges 2:10:** This section of Judges opens up with the shocking claim that within one generation the people of Israel forgot the Lord and the works He had done for Israel. Read Leviticus 10:11 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What failures of leadership had to happen for a shift like this to occur?

The drift we see in Judges is certainly not limited to that place in time. What must we do if we want to keep our families and successive generations from drifting away from the Lord?

Do you take Deuteronomy 6:4-9 as a charge to you as a parent and a follower of Jesus? If not, why not? If so, share what you are doing to pursue this commandment.

According to Proverbs 28:13 and James 5:16 what role might confession play in overcoming the struggle with a long-repeated sin?

**Read John 5:19-29:** What makes Jesus Christ different from the judges we read about in Scripture?