

# Women's Bible Study

## Judges 1:1-3:6

**Introduction:** Recounts the time in biblical history between Moses and Joshua and that of the kings.

- a. What does judge mean?
- b. The ultimate judge.  
*"There is only one hero in this book, and he's divine."*
- c. Theme: God's mercy and long suffering who continuously works in and through us despite our constant resistance to his purpose.
- d. God always keeps his promises. (Numbers 14:30)

### 1. The Command (Military directive) Judges 1:1-36 (Don't touch the fruit)

- a. Why is this necessary? (Gen. 15:12-16; Deut. 7:1-6; 9:4-5)
- b. Caleb-
- c. Success from a military standpoint.
- d. The big "BUT"—Israel did not fully trust and obey
- e. Human sinfulness. Familiarity (Don't touch the fruit)

2. The Charge (Accusation) Judges 2:1-19

a. Parenting issue (2:10-11)

b. Repeated cycle (2:10-13): The people rebel- God is angry- Oppression by enemies- repentance- salvation through a chosen leader- peace

c. The harlot (2:16-19)

*Reflect: "As long as we remember who God is, we will serve him radically and joyfully."*

3. The Judgment (Royal Decree) Judges 2:20-3:6

a. The non-expulsion of the enemies---what Israel wants.

b. *"God's mercy was to use the nations to drive Israel into dependence on Him."*

*Reflect: "The greatest danger is not atheism, but that we ask God to co-exist with idols."*

*We will meet again on March 21 and study Judges 3:7-31.*