

“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
He sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from their destruction.

“Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!”

Psalm 107:19-21

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.”

Jeremiah 17:14

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

1 Peter 2:24







# *Volunteers* **NEEDED**







# JUDGES

our deepest need



# FORMATIONS

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**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS**

**FORMED BY FOOD**

**JUNE 12 AND 19**







**EXILES:**

**JOYFUL OR CYNICAL?**

**1 PETER**

“And all who saw it said, ‘Such a thing has never happened or been seen from the day that the people of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt until this day; **consider it, take counsel, and speak.**’”

Judges 19:30

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4. Israel persists despite **heavy losses**.

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“And the leaders of Gibeah rose against me and surrounded the house against me by night. They meant to kill me, and they violated my concubine, and she is dead.” Judges 20:5

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- The leaders of Gibeah and men of Benjamin gather to fight rather than to repent.



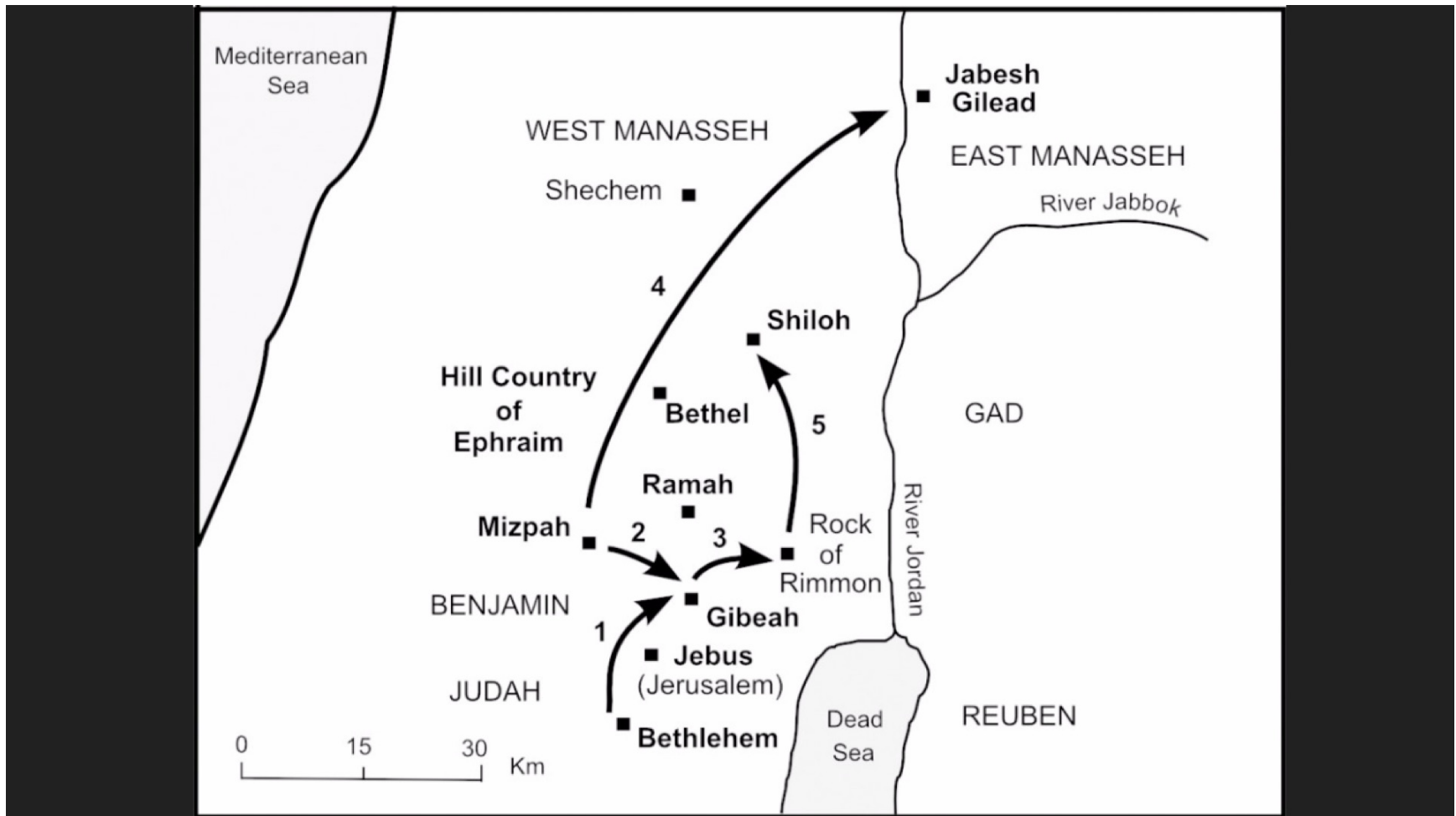
“Now therefore give up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and purge evil from Israel.’ But the Benjaminites would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the people of Israel.”

Judges 20:13

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3. Israel ambushes the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead.
4. The Benjaminites **kidnap 200 women** at Shiloh.

“In those days there was no king in Israel.  
Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”

Judges 21:25



“For now they will say: ‘We have no king, for we do not fear the Lord; and a king -- what could he do for us?’ They utter mere words; with empty oaths they make covenants; so judgment springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field.”

Hosea 10:3-4

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“Civilizations die from  
suicide, not by murder.”

Arnold Toynbee



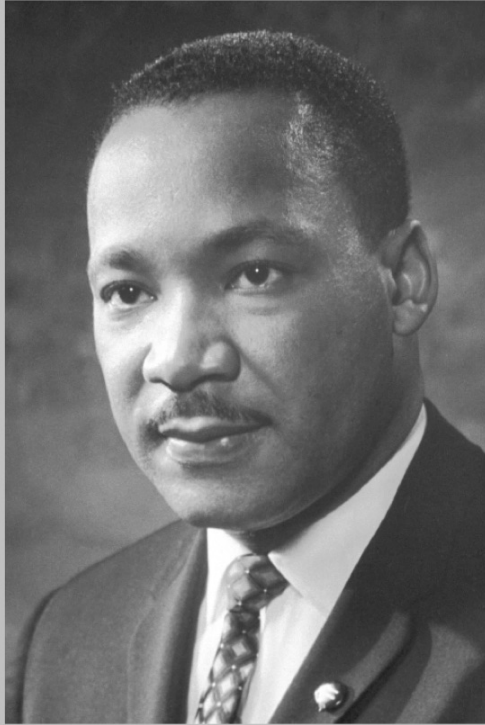
- **Racism**

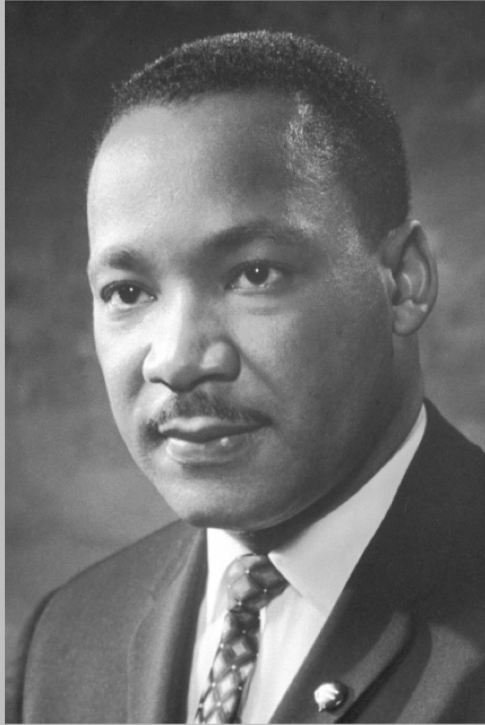




“The only remedy to racist discrimination is antiracist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.”

Ibram X. Kendi





“Here’s the true meaning and value of compassion and nonviolence, when it helps us to see the enemy’s point of view, to hear his questions, to know his assessment of ourselves.

“For from his view we may indeed see the basic weakness of our own condition, and if we are mature, we may learn and grow and profit from the wisdom of the brothers who are called the opposition.

“We adopt the means of non-violence because our end is a community at peace with itself.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Racism
- **Abuse**



# The reckoning of the Lord

*R. Albert Mohler Jr.* | The Southern Baptist Convention faces the truth

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“[A]nyone who cares about heaven ought to be mad as hell.”

Russell Moore

“Oh that there were one among you who would **shut the doors**, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.”

Malachi 1:10

- Racism
- Abuse
- **Justified self-centeredness**

“The greatest obstacle to building truly good relationships is justified self-centeredness, a selfishness that, deep in our souls, feels entirely reasonable and therefore acceptable in light of how we’ve been treated.”

Larry Crabb

“Nothing is more natural, especially when we suffer from wounds caused by unjust treatment from another, than to regard our immediate well-being as the final purpose justice should serve.”

Larry Crabb

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.



“He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

“When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:21-25

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind,  
sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart,  
and a humble mind.

“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”

1 Peter 3:8-9