

# OVER COMING



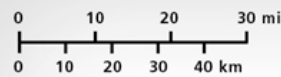
# God Wants Our Whole Hearts

Judges 1 - 2

OVER  
COMING



OVER  
COMING



- Judges' hometown
- City/town
- ⊕ Site of battle
- ? Exact location unknown



**Shamgar:** Hometown unknown

OVER  
COMING

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

*“It came about when Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not drive them out completely.”*

*Judges 1:28*

OVER  
COMING

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- God wants lordship over every area of our lives, not just some of them

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- “I can't” is not a justification for disobedience

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- “I can’t” is not a justification for disobedience
  - In Judges 1:19 we read they “could not” but in 2:2 God says they “have not”



# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- 3 categories for “can’t” justifications we make

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- 3 categories for “can’t” justifications we make
  - Forgiveness

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- 3 categories for “can’t” justifications we make
  - Forgiveness
  - Difficult truth-telling

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- 3 categories for “can’t” justifications we make
  - Forgiveness
  - Difficult truth-telling
  - Standing strong in temptation

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- Remember, don't forget. We must pass our faith on to the next generation so they don't forget. Judges 2:10-11

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- Remember, don't forget. We must pass our faith on to the next generation so they don't forget. Judges 2:10-11

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- Remember, don't forget. We must pass our faith on to the next generation so they don't forget. Judges 2:10-11
  - Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25

# Half-hearted Discipleship Won't Last Judges 1

- Remember, don't forget. We must pass our faith on to the next generation so they don't forget. Judges 2:10-11
  - Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25
  - What do we need to do to pass our faith on?



# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

*“Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you.’”*

*Judges 2:3*

OVER  
COMING

# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

- Idolatry is a thorn and a snare waiting to destroy us and God wants to rid us of those idols to protect us and care for us

# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

- Idolatry is placing anything above God. It is making a good aspect of creation into the ultimate source of security, identity and power.

**Idolatry is a thorn.**

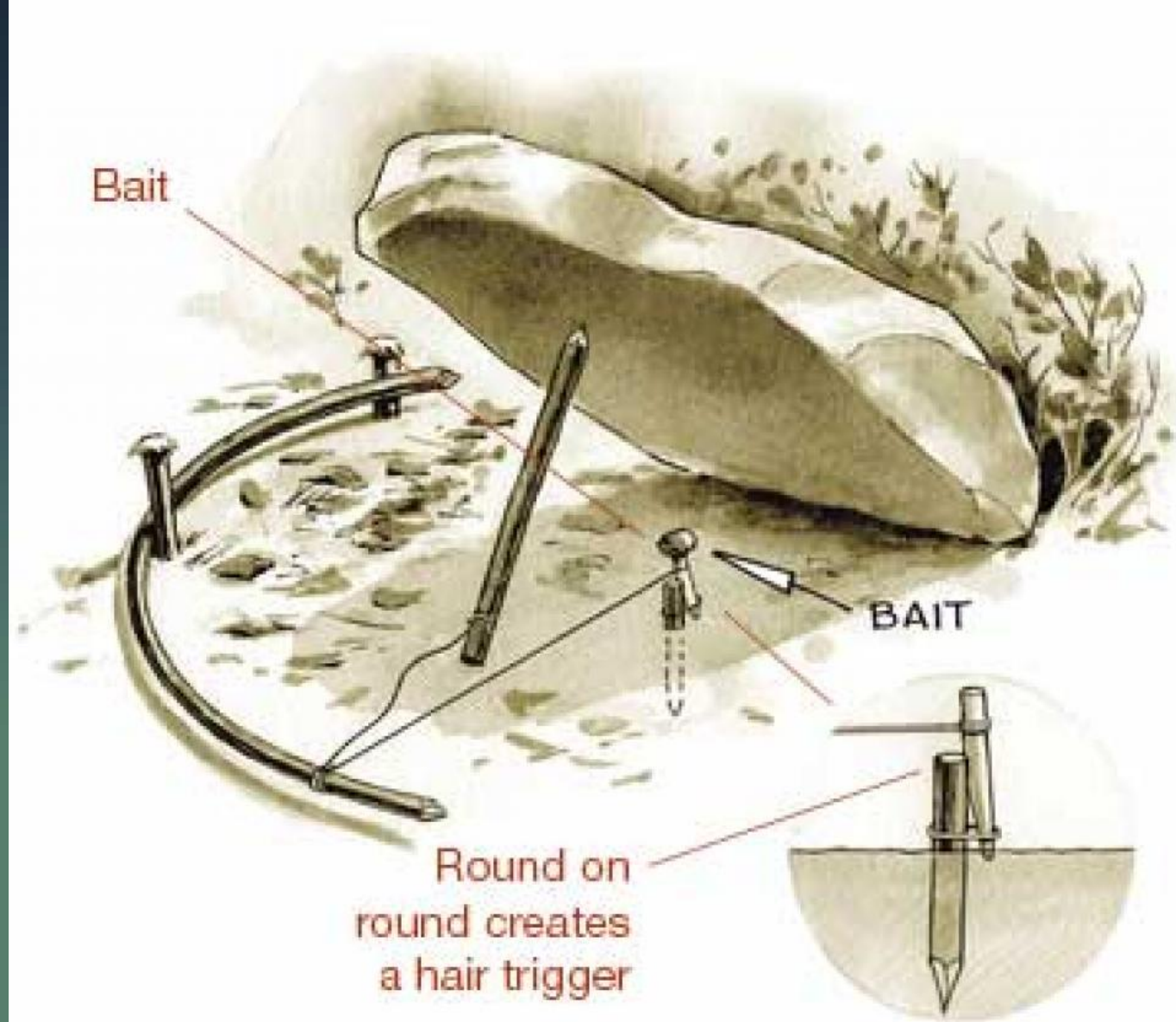


**OVER  
COMING**



OVER  
COMING

# Idolatry is a snare.



OVER  
COMING



OVER  
COMING

# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh...” 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

Judges is a physical war. We are in a spiritual war.

We are overcoming spiritually just like they did physically.

OVER  
COMING



# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

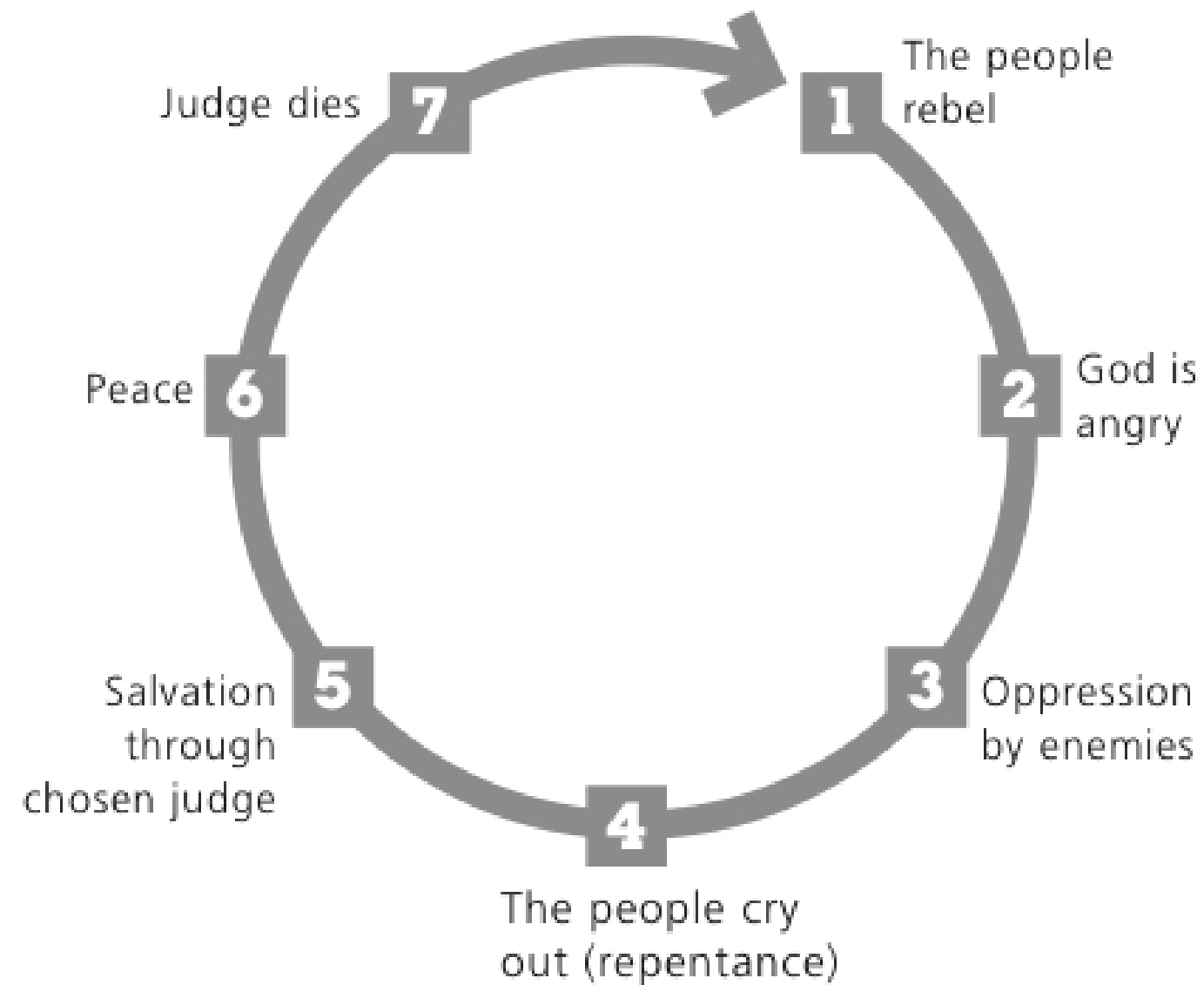
- The results of living among that idolatry are destruction for the people of Israel. Judges 2:10-15.
- Then God sends judges in vs. 16.

# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

- There is a cycle of sin repeated by the people of Israel that we repeat as well

# Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction Judges 2

- There is a cycle of sin repeated by the people of Israel that we repeat as well
  - Judges 2:10-23 shows the summary of this cycle repeated through the whole book



OVER  
COMING

**Living Among Idols Leads to Destruction** Judges 2

What are the cycles of sin in  
your own life?

OVER  
COMING

# God Overcomes the World!

*“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”*

*John 16:33*

OVER  
COMING

# God Overcomes the World!

- God is the one that sends deliverers, rescuers and heroes.

Judges 2:16

OVER  
COMING

# Good

Lord one people Judges  
Israel Gideon  
Samson  
men way time sin even  
know judges part  
just find lives now see among  
relationship church first Jephthah  
victory give  
good two spiritual  
Ehud something Bible love often every help  
end gives much come  
Joshua  
Abimelech  
Othniel  
power  
work angel three  
eyes Barak  
take  
bring simply go  
serve land god  
gods become Micah  
Israelites  
son women right  
Philistines far  
men way time sin even  
book family  
king ju things rule  
done make set  
grace last man fact  
woman enemies  
person  
Christ  
also  
place  
death without word back  
never judge  
Jesus  
worship  
like  
want someone  
great peace  
think  
Deborah  
made faith  
strength  
Levite  
need life  
gives  
hearts chapter still  
look  
point ways promises  
true  
hand may able  
reflection  
verse  
culture  
don  
now  
among  
Othniel  
power  
Abimelech  
work angel three  
eyes Barak  
take  
bring simply go  
serve land god  
gods become Micah  
Israelites  
son women right  
Philistines far  
men way time sin even  
book family  
king ju things rule  
done make set  
grace last man fact  
woman enemies  
person  
Christ  
also  
place  
death without word back  
never judge  
Jesus  
worship  
like  
want someone  
great peace  
think  
Deborah  
made faith  
strength  
Levite  
need life  
gives  
hearts chapter still  
look  
point ways promises  
true

OVER  
COMING



# God Overcomes the World!

- God is the one that sends deliverers, rescuers and heroes.  
Judges 2:16
- Jesus is the ultimate deliverer that breaks the cycles of sin forever

# God Overcomes the World!

*“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”*

*John 16:33*

OVER  
COMING

# God Overcomes the World!

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”*

*1 John 5:4-5*

OVER  
COMING

## **Response:**

**What is an idol, a vice, a compromise that you have allowed to stay in your life?**

Allow God to enter that place with you, that cycle you struggle with so much. Spend time in prayer asking Him for freedom and healing. He is strong enough to provide it.

**OVER  
COMING**

## **Next Steps:**

**Receive intentional prayer for spiritual healing and freedom through our Prayer Ministry or through Celebrate Recovery.**

## **Next Steps:**

**Join a LifeGroup.** To overcome our idols and live a whole-hearted faith we need to walk through that with fellow believers who can encourage us, challenge us and pray for us. Visit the LifeGroup Fair in the Lobby or [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)



## Next Steps:

**Pass on your faith to the next generation.**

Consider ways that you can share your faith with neighbors, friends and co-workers. Share your story of how God changed your life with a younger person than you.

OVER  
COMING