

“Actions Speak Louder than Words”

Judges 1:1-2:5

Background to Judges...

- Absence of godly leadership...
 - God’s people doing what they think is best.
- Importance of godly leadership...
 - God people only as good as God’s leaders .

The Struggle with Half-Hearted Obedience...

- Examples of half-hearted obedience in Israel...
 - Judah’s inclusion of Simeon and struggle with iron chariots (1:3, 19).
 - Joseph’s compromising treaty (1:22-26).
 - Failure of other tribes (1:21, 27-36).

- Examples of half-hearted obedience in us...

The Consequences of Half-Hearted Obedience...

- We may forfeit the blessing of God...
 - Notice the worsening situation with the Canaanites (1:3-21, 21-30, 31-33, 34-36).
 - Notice the rebuke from God (2:1-3).

- We will bring the discipline of God.

Sermon Focus...

- Pursue full-hearted obedience to God.