

“BROKEN AT BOKIM”*
Judges 1:1-2:5

Bokim. It may not be a vacation hot spot, but it is a place all of us may visit from time to time. Bokim is the place of change following a period of compromise. And a visit there may very well prevent a descent into darkness.

I. CONQUEST 1:1-18

Dedication Brings _____.

II. COMPROMISE 1:19-36

Disobedience Can Become _____.

III. CONSEQUENCE 2:1-5

Discipline Can Bring _____.

**BROKENNESS CAN BREAK
THE DESCENT INTO DARKNESS.**

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Use the following questions to reflect on lessons from *Judges: Descent Into Darkness*. Ponder these during your quiet times, or use them as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends or REALife Group.

1. What does dedication to mission look like? Read Colossians 1:28-29. Describe the time in your life when your dedication to serving Christ was at an “all time high”. What, if anything, was different?
2. Review the purpose statement of our church. What do you think is the significance of the word “commitment”?
3. In what ways today are believers tempted to rationalize or justify disobedience to the commands of Christ (love, purity, holiness) and the cause of Christ (evangelism, discipleship, ministry)?
4. Every believer knows the “call to compromise”. How can we help each other resist compromise with commitment? Where are you being tempted to compromise?
5. Are you living today with any consequences of compromise? Have you ever reached Bokim—the place of weeping and brokenness? See Psalm 51:15-17. What changes did you make at Bokim?

Descent Into Darkness

The Book of Judges

Broken at Bokim

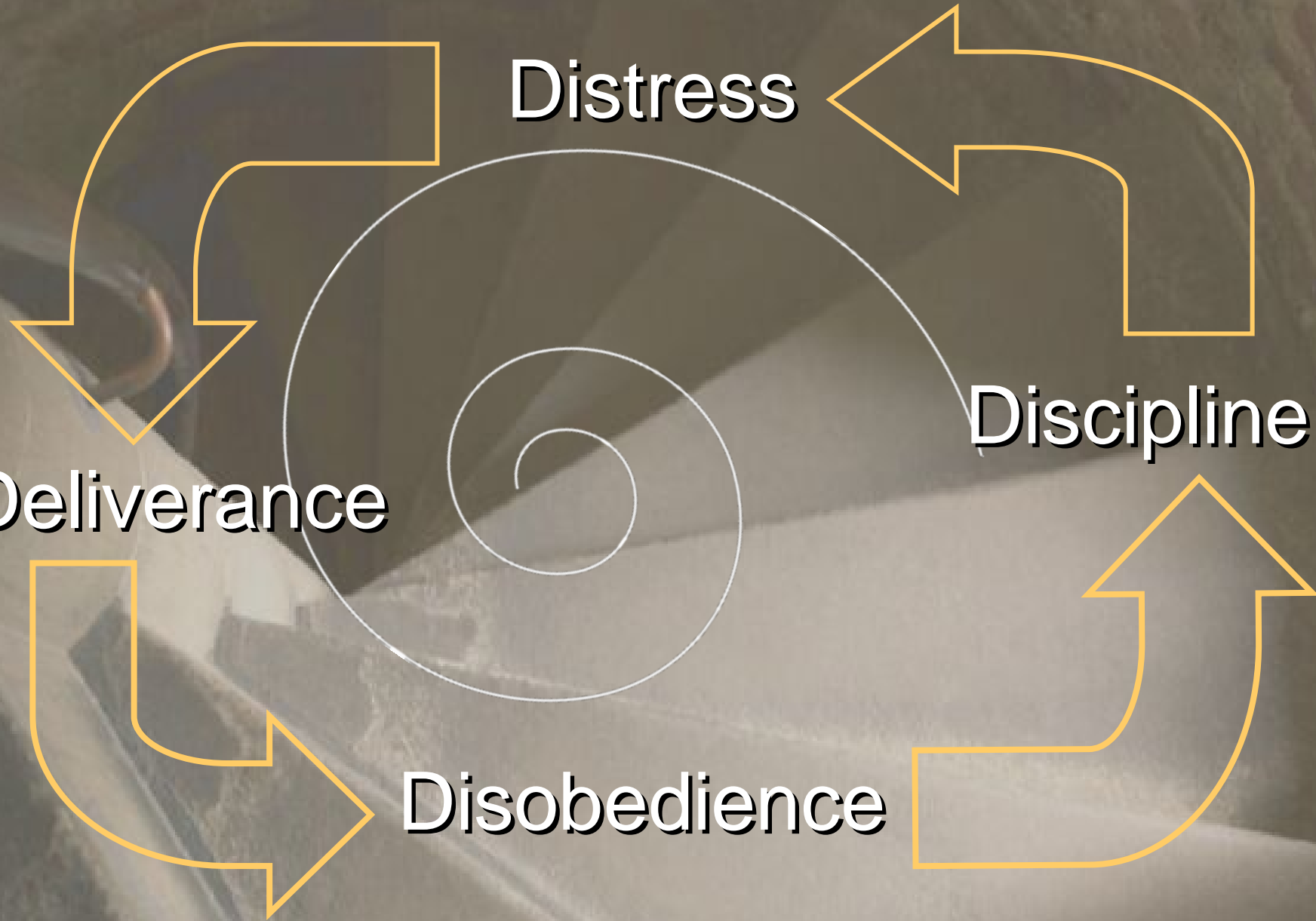
Judges 1:1 - 2:5

Distress

Discipline

Disobedience

Deliverance





I. Conquest

A. Nationally – On Mission

B. Individually – Own Mission

Dedication Brings Blessing



II. Compromise

- **Dedication to Mission**
Them losing to us

- **Difficult Mission**
Them living among us

- **Determined Opposition**
Us Living Among Them

- **Dan's Domination**
Captives in Our Land

Judges 1:19-36



II. Compromise

Disobedience Can Become Blurred.

- Resistance Challenges Dependence
- Resignation Replaces Dedication
- Rationalization Justifies Disobedience

“We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”

-D. A. Carson

Steve Irwin Dead

Monday, 4 September 2006





III. Consequence

- A. Israel Breaks Covenant
- B. God Will Never Break Covenant
- C. Israel Broken by Consequences?

“Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods. Do not let them live in your land, or they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you.”

Exodus 23:32-33

III. Consequence

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Discipline Can Bring Brokenness.

1. Admit Failure
2. List Impact of Failure on Others
3. Ask, “How Did I Get Here?”
4. Commit to Change
5. Accept Forgiveness and Worship

Judges 2:1-5

Descent Into
Darkness



**Brokenness Can Break The
Descent Into Darkness.**