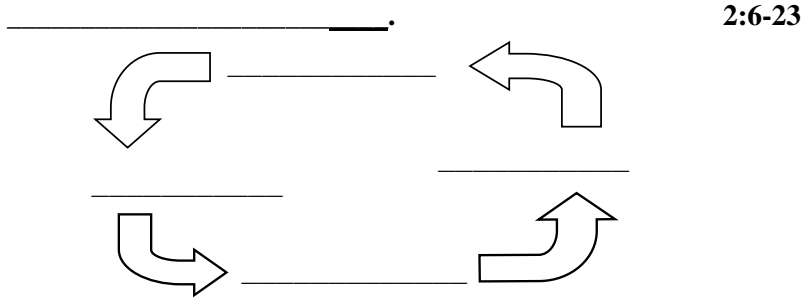


“MONARCHY OR ANARCHY?”
Overview & Observations from Judges

Some would argue to be an American is to be in rebellion. After all, early America rebelled against a king and late America remains cynical toward authority. But what about God’s Kingship? What happens when we resist His rule?

I. JUDGES RULED DURING CYCLES OF



II. JUDGES REPORTS THE CAUSE:

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III. JUDGES REVEALS THE CONCLUSION:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review the “cycle of apostasy” described in Judges 2:6-23. Have this pattern ever occurred in your life? What can keep you on track? See 2 Timothy 2:16-17.
2. Israel’s problem was chasing after the gods of the culture around them. What are the gods of our culture? What does it look like for one to chase these gods?
3. Meditate on Judges 21:25. How did autonomy and relativism impact Israel? How do they impact us individually, as well as our family and our church?
4. After reading all the warnings to Israel to not neglect the law, are you surprised how quick and how far Israel strayed? Who can keep us from straying? (Galatians 5:16 & Hebrews 12:1-3)

KNOW HISTORY

CREATION & CHAOS

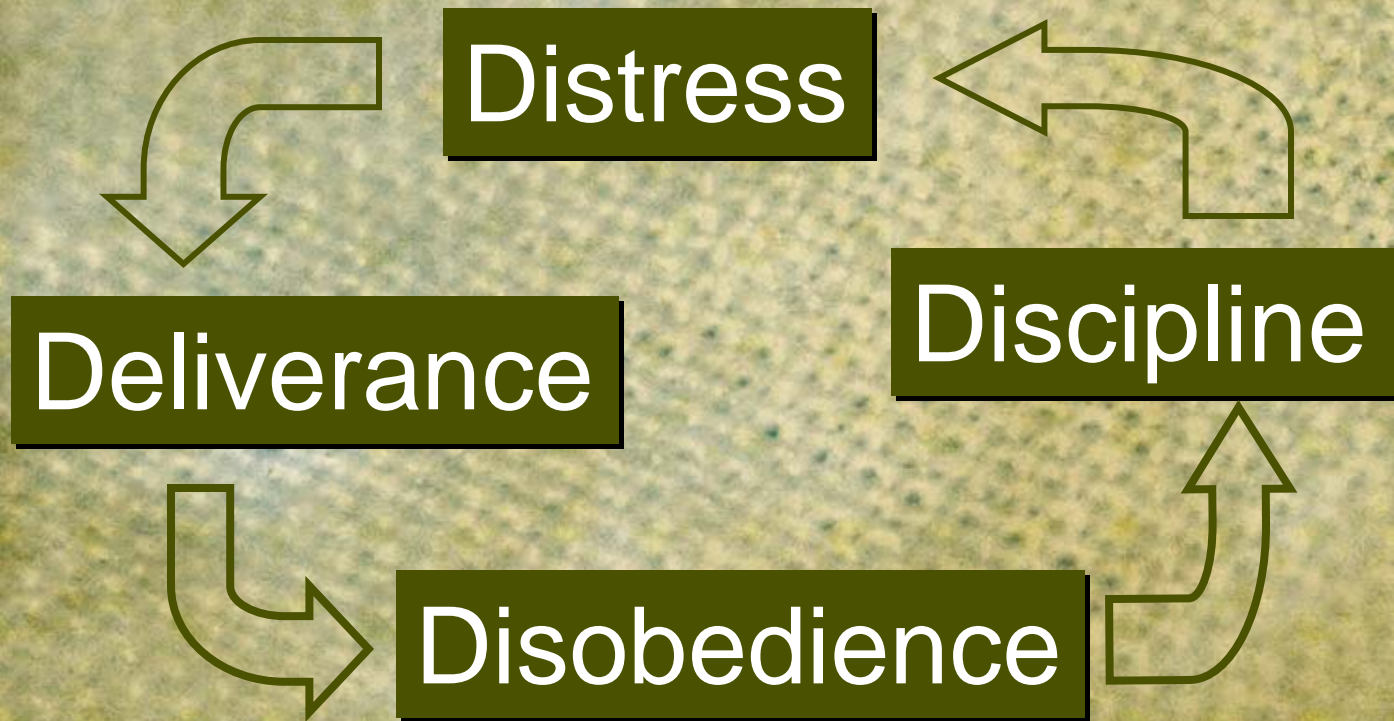
PROMISE & PATRIARCHS

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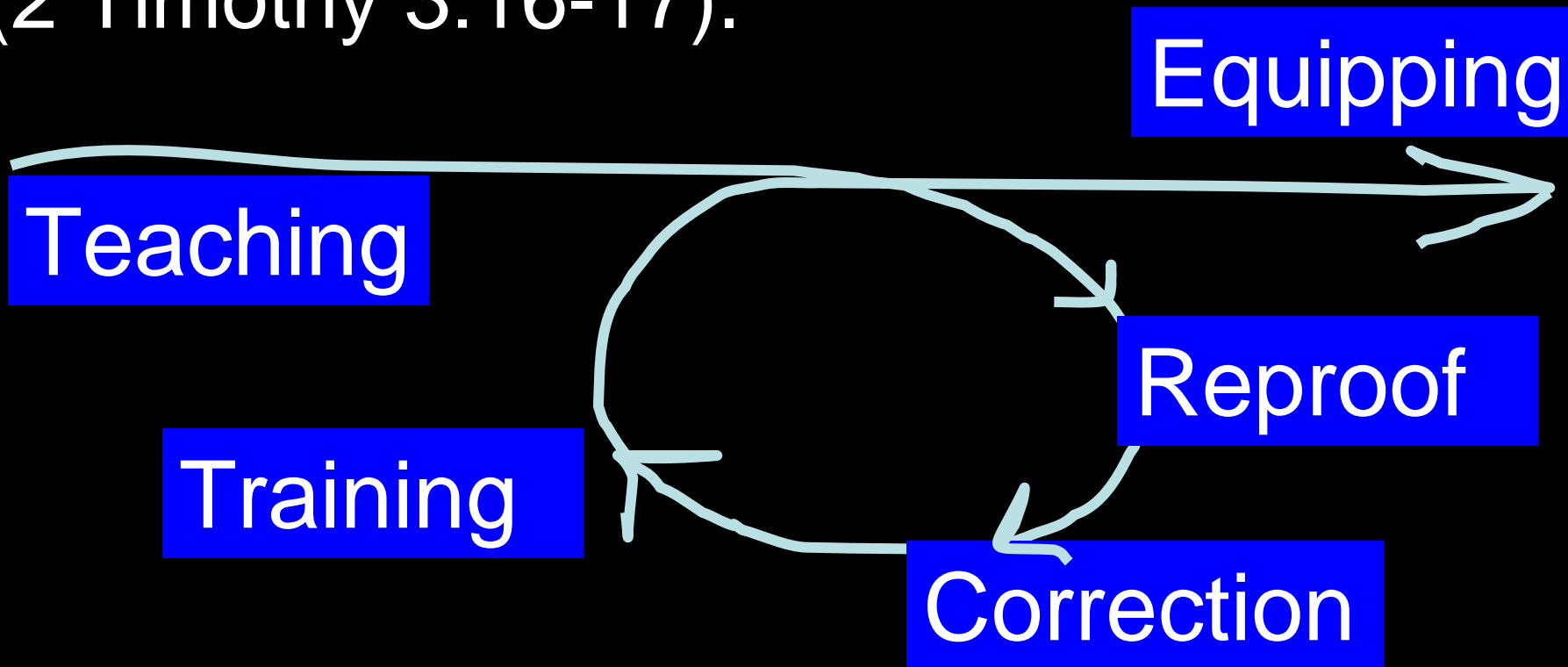


“This book and the history of the nation that follows serve as eternal testimony to the grim reality that God’s people are often their own worst enemy. It is not the enemies outside who threaten the soul but the Canaanite within.”

Daniel I. Block



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).



**II. JUDGES REPORTS THE
CAUSE: ARROGANCE .**

A. MEISM: I Am King

**B. RELATIVISM: Customized
Religion**

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USA TODAY

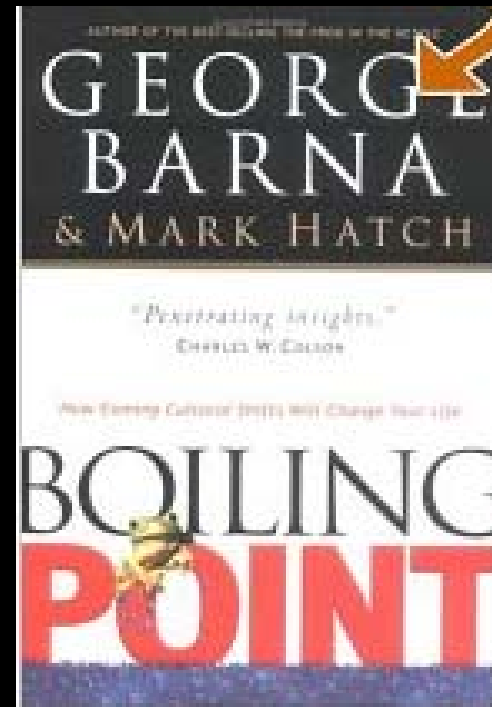


Survey: Americans Freely Change, or Drop, Their Religions

By Cathy Lynn Grossman

A new map of faith in the USA shows a nation constantly shifting amid religious choices, unaware or unconcerned with doctrinal distinctions.

“Only one-third of
Americans
believe moral
truth is absolute
and unchanging.”



III. JUDGES REVEALS THE CONCLUSION: ANARCHY.

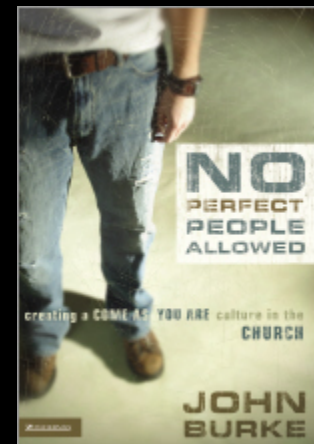
- A. Religious Idolatry
- B. Moral Degeneration
- C. Disregard of Human Life
- D. Political Anarchy

“Sex and violence, rape and massacre,
brutality and deceit...”

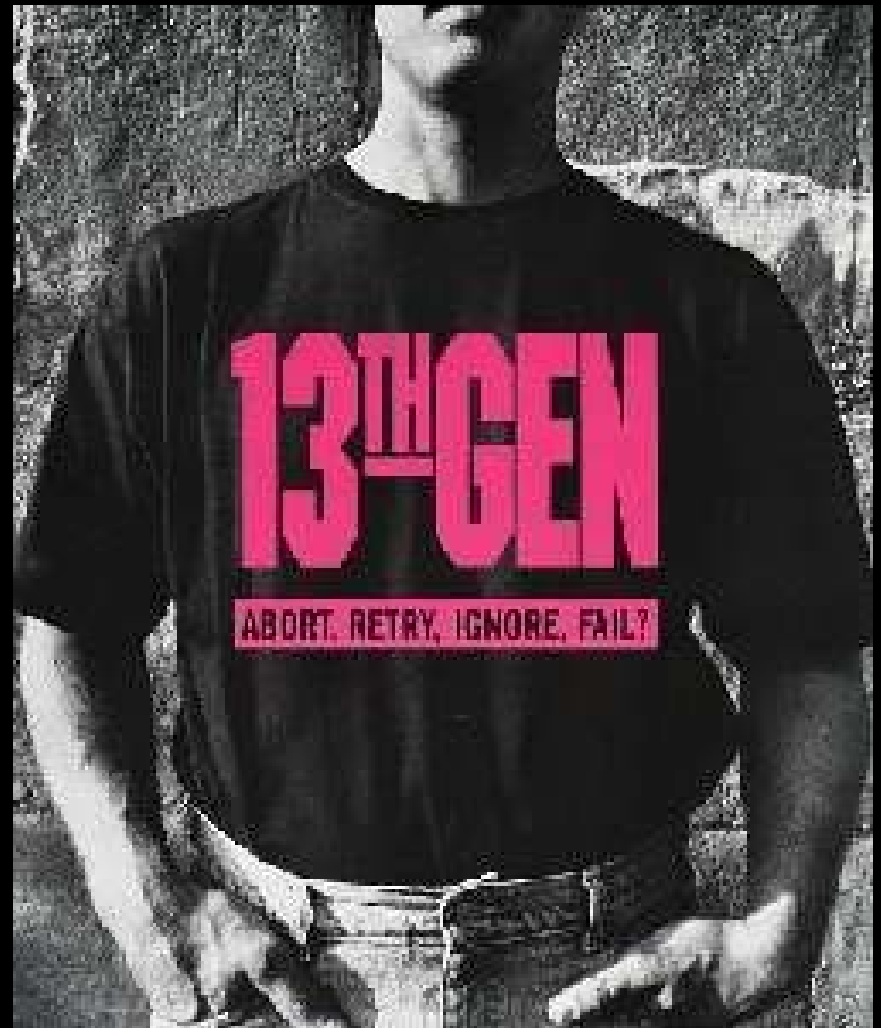
Eugene Peterson

“What I define as the Postmodern Experiment began with a generation deciding to test what life would be like living out the philosophy, *‘If it feels good do it.’* After studying the shifts and trends, I’m convinced Americans went out for a three-decade binge on self, and now our country is vomiting up the consequences uncontrollably.”

John Burke



“All the diagnostic experts keep pointing backward to the era of ...the '60s and '70s as the fatal hour when everything started going to hell.”



-Neil Howe and William Strauss