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Judges 3:4, They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which He had given their ancestors through Moses. 5 The Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 6 They took their daughters in marriage and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

Questions For Us To Consider As We Look At Their Failures:

- -Does My Life Reflect A Pattern Of Obedience To God?
- -What Temptations Do I Need To Be Aware Of?
- -What Sins Am I Beginning To Build A Relationship With?
- -What Am I Doing With My Time, Energy And Resources That Keep Me From Serving And Worshipping God?

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1) God Uses People With Strong SPIRITUAL HERITAGES

Judges 3:7, The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. 8 The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years. 9 But when they cried out to the Lord, He raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. 10 The Spirit of the Lord came on him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. 11 So the land had peace for forty years, until

-Key To Success #1: Othniel Was Empowered By God!

2) God Uses People Others Consider **UNUSABLE**

Judges 3:12, Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. 13 Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel... 14 The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for eighteen years. 15 Again the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and He gave them a deliverer—Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab... 30 ... the land had peace for eighty years.

-Key To Success #2: Ehud Was Resourceful And SHREWD

3) God Uses People Who Don't Want all the GLORY

Judges 3:31, After Ehud came Shamgar son of Anath, who struck down six hundred Philistines with an oxgoad. He too saved Israel.

-Key To Success #3: Shamgar Was Bold And <u>FAITHFUL</u> Questions To Help You Put This Message Into Practice:

- -What Does My/Our Repeating Pattern of Sinfulness Look Like?
- -What Excuses Do I/We Use To Keep From Serving God?
- -What Changes Do I/We Need To Make To Spend More Of Our Time, Energy And Resources Serving God?
- -How Can I/We Build A Strong Spiritual Heritage Beginning Today?

Next Steps:

-Throughout the "unQualified" series, our students will be hearing the same message in Student Worship. If you are a parent of a teenager, this will be a great opportunity for a good discussion with your teen following each message.

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