

## March 31 Questions

- 1) If the main theme of the book of Joshua is “Victory through \_\_\_\_\_,” the main theme of Judges is “Failure through \_\_\_\_\_.” After Joshua’s \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ launched a campaign to take possession of their territory. Joined by Simeon, they conquered the uplands and lowlands, and \_\_\_\_\_ was victorious at Hebron. This successful start, however, was soon marred by disobedience, for they did not drive out \_\_\_\_\_ the Canaanites from the land. The other tribes also failed to obey God’s command, and God finally \_\_\_\_\_ them at Bochim: “You have not obeyed my voice” (Judges 2:2). Israel’s failure bore all the hallmarks of a compromising heart: (1) They were more afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ than they were of God; (2) They \_\_\_\_\_ their actions instead of owning up to their mistakes; (3) They gave up when they encountered \_\_\_\_\_; and (4) They preferred to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than conquer. This teaches us that when we refuse to be ruthless with sin, it will come back to be a \_\_\_\_\_ in our side and a \_\_\_\_\_ to our feet (Judges 2:3). The people \_\_\_\_\_ at Bochim, but like Esau, they were only sorry for the \_\_\_\_\_ of their sin. Their repentance wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_, for they soon abandoned God and worshiped idols (cf. Judges 17:5). First a \_\_\_\_\_, then a \_\_\_\_\_, and finally a \_\_\_\_\_ left the path of righteousness and did what was right in their own eyes (Judges 17:6). This led them into a quagmire of religious \_\_\_\_\_ and moral \_\_\_\_\_, and it teaches us the danger of compromising with sin.