

**RIGHT IN THE EYE**  
**Pt. 2 - Othniel**  
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**Judges 21:25 (NASB)**

<sup>[25]</sup> In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

**“I can do **WHAT** I want,  
**WHEN** I want,  
with **WHOM** I want,  
as long as  
it doesn't hurt anyone.”**

- 1. Disobedience**
- 2. Disaster**
- 3. Deliverance**

**Judges 2:11-15 (NIV)**

<sup>[11]</sup> Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals.

<sup>[12]</sup> They **forsook the LORD**, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the **peoples around them**.

They provoked the LORD to anger <sup>[13]</sup> because they forsook him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

<sup>[14]</sup> In his anger against Israel the LORD handed them over to raiders who plundered them. He **sold** them to their enemies all around, whom they were **no longer able to resist**.

- § Forsook the Lord**
- § Followed the people around them**
- § Surrendered their FREEDOM**

Israel simply traded **one** King for **another**.

“...they were no longer able to **resist**...”

<sup>[15]</sup> Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the LORD was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.

**Judges 3:7-11 (NIV)**

<sup>[7]</sup> The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD; they forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs.

<sup>[8]</sup> 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.

<sup>[9]</sup> 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.

<sup>[10]</sup> The Spirit of the LORD came upon 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.

<sup>[11]</sup> So the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died.