**An Ideal Leader, Pt. 1**

Judges 3: 7 - 11

1.  Read again v. 7.  What were the 3 violations Israel of which Israel was guilty?  Doing evil in the sight of the Lord was anything that violated God’s covenant with Israel.  This phrase is found throughout the Old Testament (Gen. 38: 10, Ex. 32, 1 Sam 15: 19, 1 Kings 11: 6, 2 Chron. 33:6 and their contexts).  Look at Deuteronomy 8: 10 – 20.  What were some qualities of forgetting the Lord?  What are some ways that you can remember the Lord?  What would be the benefits of memorizing Scripture passages that talk about what Jesus has accomplished for you, such as Ephesians 1: 3 – 14?  Would you be willing to memorize at least one verse this summer, if not the whole passage?

2.  Read v. 8.  God’s anger was kindled against Israel because of their violating the covenant.  This phrase is also seen throughout the Old Testament (Ex. 4: 14, Ex. 22: 24, Ex. 32: 10, Numbers 11).  What were the results of God’s anger in Deuteronomy 29: 25 – 28?  What were the results here?  Do you agree that idolatry can enslave?  What are some examples in your life or the lives of others?  How have you warned others about dangers of “enslaving” idolatry?

3. How was God involved in deliverance in vv. 9 – 11?  How was Othniel a model of faith, in contrast to later leaders such as Barak, Gideon or Samson?  See back to 1: 12 – 13.  What are ways you can lead through dependence upon the Spirit (like a crutch)?  What are ways that you can lead being yielded to God’s Spirit (like chocolate milk)?