**Achieving Triumph, Avoiding Tragedy**

Judges 10: 6 - 12: 15

1.  What was different about this cycle of sin and the previous cycles?  Are there areas of your life requiring a radical repentance?

2.  Look at 2 Kings 3: 27 to see some of the background for pagan kings using a child sacrifice to try to influence gods.  Look at Leviticus 18: 21 and 20: 3 and Deuteronomy 12: 30 - 31 to see prohibitions against child sacrifice.  Look at Leviticus 27: 1 - 8.  Apparently, the Israelite could get out of his vow for a redemption price.  Do you think Jephthah's ignorance of God's law affected his ugodly vow?  What are some ways we may be influenced by worldly practices when seeking God's blessing or serving Him?

3.  Review 12: 1 - 7.  Have you seen how a faulty relationship with God negatively impacts your relationship with others?  If so, how?  Are you someone who tends to take things personally?   How can you become more of a person who has a thick skin but a soft heart?  Peruse the principles in  <https://www.forbes.com/sites/francesbridges/2018/06/29/how-to-stop-taking-things-personally/#f87778a67260>  and <http://www.christian-mommies.com/special-features/just-for-moms/do-you-take-things-personally-learn-how-not-to/> .  Any ideas on how you can take things less personally in your relationships with others?