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Who Do We Gather In Our Moments of Rejection?





# Judges 11:6-7

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<sup>6</sup> and they said to Jephthah, “Come and be our leader, that we may fight against the sons of Ammon.”

<sup>7</sup> But Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “Did you not hate



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Are We Recognized For  
"Our Faith" Or "Our Fight"?





# 1 Timothy 6:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many



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witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I direct you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,





# Ecclesiastes 5:4-7

<sup>4</sup> When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it; for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! <sup>5</sup> It is better that you not vow, than vow and not pay.

# Ecclesiastes 5:4-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not let your [a]speech cause you to sin, and do not say in the presence of the messenger of God that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry on account of





# Ecclesiastes 5:4-7

your voice, and destroy the  
work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> For in  
many dreams and in many  
words there is futility.  
Rather, fear God.





# Judges 11:30-31

<sup>30</sup> And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord and said, "If You will indeed hand over to me the sons of Ammon, <sup>31</sup> then whatever comes out the doors of my house to meet



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Do We Make Vows From Our Victory or Vulnerability?





# Matthew 5:33-37

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all, neither by heaven, for it is the throne of God,<sup>35</sup> nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.<sup>36</sup> Nor

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# Matthew 5:33-37

shall you take an oath by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> But make sure your statement is,





# Matthew 5:33-37

‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil origin.

We Should Never Make A  
Vow/Commitment of Substance  
Without Consulting The Lord.









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