



## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ To Civil War

Then all the people of Israel came out, from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, and the congregation assembled as one man to the LORD at Mizpah.

### A. A biased \_\_\_\_\_

And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was murdered, answered

### B. A national \_\_\_\_\_

And all the people arose as one man, saying, "None of us will go to his tent, and none of us will return to his house."

### C. A rebellious \_\_\_\_\_

But the Benjaminites would not listen to the voice of their brothers

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### D. A misplaced \_\_\_\_\_

But the people, the men of Israel, took courage, and again formed the battle line in the same place where they had formed it on the first day.

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### E. A tragic \_\_\_\_\_

So Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

So all who fell that day of Benjamin were 25,000 men who drew the sword, all of them men of valor. Judges 20:46

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. Galatians 5:13-15

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Civil War

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a rash vow

Now the men of Israel had sworn at Mizpah, "No one of us shall give his daughter in marriage to Benjamin."

<sup>13</sup>Then the whole congregation sent word to the people of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon and proclaimed peace to them. <sup>14</sup>And Benjamin returned at that time. And they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead, but they were not enough for them. Judges 21:13-14

### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human solutions

<sup>20</sup>And they commanded the people of Benjamin, saying, "Go and lie in ambush in the vineyards <sup>21</sup>and watch. If the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come out of the vineyards and snatch each man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. Judges 21:20-21

<sup>23</sup>And the people of Benjamin did so and took their wives, according to their number, from the dancers whom they carried off. Then they went and returned to their inheritance and rebuilt the towns and lived in them. <sup>24</sup>And the people of Israel departed from there at that time, every man to his tribe and family, and they went out from there every man to his inheritance. Judges 21:23-24

### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of covenant life

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25

"If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah." Romans 9:29

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**Last Thought:** \_\_\_\_\_ the King, \_\_\_\_\_  
peace!