

Judges

Guide to Godly Living despite being in a Pluralistic Idolatrous Society

Study 3

The failure of Gideon's house

Judges 8:1-10:5

Case Study 1

Bee Zhee Man is a Christian orphan who had dreams of having his own startup. He prayed over it, spent hours researching, and came up with a very detailed business plan. He pitched his idea to his neighbor Wong and friend YY in the hope to get some funding. They ridiculed him and told him that he would fail. Wong added that if his start-up were to kick off and survive for 6 months, then he will invest. Zhee Man vowed that if he ever becomes successful, he will teach Wong and YY a lesson.

Zhee Man sold off his only possession- his car and took a loan to fund his start-up. At first, he felt nervous doing so as he will literally be living on the streets if his start-up failed. Covid then hit and many start-ups in the same industry as Zhee Man's start-up failed. Oddly, Zhee Man's start-up survived and within 1 year, it was valued at over RM1million. Zhee Man really felt God's hand in his success.

One day, Zhee Man received Wong's application for a position in his company. Zhee Man was very pleased, more so when he found out that Wong had become jobless for more than 6 months. Zhee Man not only rejected Wong's application but also bad-mouthed him in the industry resulting in Wong remaining jobless until today (one year).

1. Discussion question. Why did you think Zhee Man reacted this way?

Case Study 1.1

Zhee Man started attending your cell group and during the discussion on Gideon's reaction to Succoth and Peniel, Zhee Man commented that "they deserved it", much to everyone's horror. Zhee Man's rationale was, that although the killings were brutal, Gideon and his men may have died due to lack of food, yet the people of Succoth and Peniel did not want to lend a helping hand.

2. Discussion question. As Zhee Man's cell group leader. What would you say to Zhee Man?

