

## Confirming Plans With God

**Judges 10:6 - 11:12**

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Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Judges 10:17-11:12 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> At that time the armies of Ammon had gathered for war and were camped in Gilead, and the people of Israel assembled and camped at Mizpah. <sup>18</sup> The leaders of Gilead said to each other, “Whoever attacks the Ammonites first will become ruler over all the people of Gilead.”

**11** Now Jephthah of Gilead was a great warrior. He was the son of Gilead, but his mother was a prostitute. <sup>2</sup> Gilead’s wife also had several sons, and when these half brothers grew up, they chased Jephthah off the land. “You will not get any of our father’s inheritance,” they said, “for you are the son of a prostitute.” <sup>3</sup> So Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob. Soon he had a band of worthless rebels following him.

<sup>4</sup> At about this time, the Ammonites began their war against Israel. <sup>5</sup> When the Ammonites attacked, the elders of Gilead sent for Jephthah in the land of Tob. <sup>6</sup> The elders said, “Come and be our commander! Help us fight the Ammonites!”

<sup>7</sup> But Jephthah said to them, “Aren’t you the ones who hated me and drove me from my father’s house? Why do you come to me now when you’re in trouble?”

<sup>8</sup> “Because we need you,” the elders replied. “If you lead us in battle against the Ammonites, we will make you ruler over all the people of Gilead.”

<sup>9</sup> Jephthah said to the elders, “Let me get this straight. If I come with you and if the Lord gives me victory over the Ammonites, will you really make me ruler over all the people?”

<sup>10</sup> “The Lord is our witness,” the elders replied. “We promise to do whatever you say.”

<sup>11</sup> So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him their ruler and commander of the army. At Mizpah, in the presence of the Lord, Jephthah repeated what he had said to the elders.

<sup>12</sup> Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of Ammon, asking, “Why have you come out to fight against my land?”

### **Who was Jephthah?**

#### **1. Jephthah Was A Reject (Judges 11:1-3; Isaiah 53:3-12)**

Born with a habit of drug abuse  
she couldn't help what her mama used  
it wasn't like she got to choose  
now she's layin' there all alone

What if Jesus comes back like that  
two months early and hooked on crack  
will we let him in or turn our back  
what if Jesus comes back like that  
*What if Jesus Comes back like that? By: Collin Raye*

#### **2. Jephthah Was a Spare Tire (Judges 10:18)**

Judges 10:18

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#### **3. Jephthah Desperately Craved Acceptance (Judges 11:8, 9)**

Judges 11:9

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### **How would he respond?**

#### **1. Jephthah Offered Forgiveness and Service Instead of Revenge (Judges 11:11; Proverbs 16:9)**

Judges 11:11

So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and commander over them

Proverbs 16:9

We can make our plans, but the lord determines our steps.

## **2. Jephthah Dependence On God (Judges 11:11; Proverbs 4:23)**

Judges 11:11

Jephthah spoke all his words before the Lord at mizpah.

“We all have relationships, experiences, and lessons in life that are sometimes painful, difficult, and, for whatever reason, hard to process. As a result, we walk around with certain feelings, patterns, and conflicts that do not really relate to the present but to people and events from a previous time. Because those things are not “finished,” they get in the way of present situations, present relationships, or present goals. And the sad thing is, this ‘baggage’ that we carry around does not go away until it is dealt with, or ‘finished.’ ...if hurtful things have happened to your heart and you have not yet dealt with them, those old events will continue to produce what we refer to as ‘issues’ in your life. God promises that from our heart, all sorts of things happen. The issues that we find ourselves dealing with day to day come from inside...”

*Book: “God will make a way” by: Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend*

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.

## **3. Jephthah Took Action (Judges 11:12; Romans 12:2)**

Judges 11:12

Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the ammonites and said, “what is there between you and me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?”

Romans 12:2

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**“Mr. Miyagi moment”**

Proverbs 3:6

<sup>6</sup>In all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.