## Leaders & Losers "The Extreme Cost Of Empty Living" Judges 6:1-10

So far in the book of Judges, a Clear Pattern has **EMERGED**.

<u>Disobedience</u> to the <u>Will</u> of God Carries a <u>Price Higher</u> than most want to <u>Pay</u>.

- 1. GOD'S PEOPLE EMBRACED SIN. (v. 1a)
- Every Person has Areas of life that cause them Trouble.
- If you want to WIN over Temptation, there ARE Definite Steps to take.
- 1.) DON'T PLAY NEAR THE TRAP! (James 1:14)
- 2.) HAVE AN ESCAPE PLAN! (1 Corinthians 10:13)
- 3.) **CONSIDER YOURSELF DEAD TO SIN!** (Romans 6:11)
- 4.) DETERMINE TO SERVE GOD & HIM ONLY! (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

## 2. GOD'S PEOPLE <u>ENDURED</u> SUFFERING. (v. 1b-6)

- They Were **INVADED** by the Midianites. (vv. 1b-2a)
- As the World Looks at God's people Today, it's like they're Looking in a Mirror.
- They Were Also **IMPRISONED** by the Midianites. (v. 2)
- JESUS has the <u>Power</u> to Set you <u>FREE</u>.
- They Were Also <u>IMPOVERISHED</u> By The Midianites. (vv. 3-6)
- SIN <u>Strips</u> us of Everything we <u>VALUE</u>.

## 3. GOD <u>EXPLAINED</u> HIS SENTIMENT. (vv. 7-8a)

- God sent a "No Name" Prophet with a WORD from Heaven.
- The Message Reminded Them Of God's <u>DELIVERANCE</u>. (vv.8b-9a)
- The Message Reminded Them Of **God's DEEDS**. (v. 9b)
- The Message Reminded Them Of God's <u>DEMANDS</u>. (v.10)
- God <u>Refuses</u> to <u>Share</u> <u>YOU</u> with other gods!
- <u>Look</u> at your <u>LIFE</u> Right Now...<u>Who's</u> <u>FIRST</u> in your life?
- If it's <u>Anyone</u> other than Him, you are Headed for <u>Trouble!</u> (Revelation 3:19)