

# Jephthah-From Reject To Ruler

## Judges 11:1-11

*The Spiritual Climate in Israel was, “Every Man did that which was Right in his Own Eyes.” (Judges 10:6)*

*When you do What’s Right in your Own Eyes & you invite DISASTER. (Judges 10:7-16)*

*Jephthah was Rejected, Outcast & Written Off but became the Leader of God’s People.*

### **1. JEPHTHAH’S REJECTION WAS APPALLING. (Judges 11:1-3)**

- The CHARACTER Of Jephthah – “a Mighty Man of VALOR.” (v. 1)
- The CHALLENGE Before Jephthah – “the Son of a HARLOT” (v. 1)
- The CONFLICT That Beset Jephthah – “They Drove Jephthah Out (v. 2)
- The COMPANIONS Who Stood Beside Jephthah – “Worthless Men” banded together with him. (v. 3)

- Four Lessons from Jephthah’s life so far:

- 1.) Jephthah Took a Negative & Turned it into a POSITIVE.
- 2.) God Delights in Using the UNUSABLE.
- 3.) Birds of a Feather Usually FLOCK TOGETHER.
- 4.) Rejection can be Hurtful, but it can also be BENEFICIAL.

### **2. THE REQUEST OF GOD’S PEOPLE WAS ASTONISHING (vv. 4-8)**

- The NERVE of some people!
- What’s the CAUSE Of This Request? (vv. 4-5)
- What’s the CHARACTER Of This Request? (v. 6)
- What COMMITMENT Is Offered With This Request? (vv. 7-8)
- Don’t Treat the Lord like a SPARE TIRE on the Car of your life.

### **3. JEPHTHAH’S RESPONSE WAS AMAZING. (vv. 9-11)**

- Jephthah ACCEPTS Their Suggestion. (vv. 9-11a)
- As A Result, Jephthah ADVANCES His Status. (v. 11b)
- Jephthah’s ACKNOWLEDGES His Strength. (vv.9b, 10b, 11c)

- Jephthah became a **Victor** because he was ***FIRST a Servant of God.***