

Nobody Saw It Coming Judges 03:26-30

Ehud rescued everyone.

God always provides a way out;

Will you take it?



A Few Closing Thoughts

So often we think we have God figured out. We know His next move; we know His next thought; we know how He would do anything and everything. The experience of Ehud shows us that God works in very unexpected and surprising ways that *surprise* us; God is not limited by our limitations. Throughout history, when people cried out for deliverance, God came through in unexpected ways, and those ways culminated in Jesus Christ. Jesus was not what people expected, but He was (and is) exactly what people need. His message *surprised* people, His life *surprised* people, and most certainly, His resurrection *surprised* people. It is my prayer for you in the coming days that you are *surprised* by God. Let Him *surprise* you through His work through your weaknesses; may He *surprise* you with the courage necessary to face your “enemies”; and may He *surprise* you through His unending care for you as you live this life. And, finally, may you be *surprised* by this Jesus who stopped at nothing to give you life!

The Limitless God Judges 03:12-30

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The *Limitless* God

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Once again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for 18 years.

Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and He gave them a deliverer--Ehud, a left-handed man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Ehud had made a double-edged sword about a foot and a half long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing. He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way the men who had carried it. At the idols near Gilgal he himself turned back and said, “I have a secret message for you, O king.”

The king said, “Quiet!” And all his attendants left him.

Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his summer palace and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat, Ehud reached with his left hand, drew the sword from his right thigh and plunged it into the king’s belly. Even the handle sank in after the blade, which came out his back. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, “he must be relieving himself in the inner room of the house.” They waited to the point of embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their lord fallen to the floor dead.

While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the idols and escaped to Seirah. When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them.

“Follow me,” he ordered, “for the LORD has given Moab, your enemy, into your hands.” So they followed him down and, taking possession of the fords of the Jordan that led to Moab, they allowed no one to cross over. At that time they struck down about ten thousand Moabites, all vigorous and strong; not a man escaped. That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for 80 years.

Judges 3:12-30 (NIV)

Instant Replay Judges 03:12-14

An Ugly Reminder:

We are Sinners!

The Bible makes this abundantly clear:

“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (*Romans 03:23*)



Sin always takes you places you never thought you would go!

Sin always costs you more than you ever thought you would pay!

Just Call My Name Judges 03:15

He Always Hears You

What situation are you experiencing in which you need to be rescued?

Feel free to cry out wherever you are

You don't have to stay in the same situation.

What's Your Excuse? Judges 03:15-17

Here's an Idea:

Don't argue with how God wants to rescue you

God is never limited by your “limitations”

“Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me” (2 Cor. 12:09, NIV)

Is your life governed by your limitations? Turn to the limitless God



Throughout the Bible
the “**right hand**”...
blesses God's people
destroys God's enemies
is where Jesus sits

Ehud Got His Point Across Judges 03:18-23

Secrets hold great power

God provides opportunities

This was not the way Eglon thought he would finish

