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**Series:** The Book of Judges

**Title:** "Confronting the Darkness: United for God's Glory"

**Text:** Judges 20



**Introduction:** The outrageous evil of Gibeah (Judges 19) provoked a response throughout Israel. (Hosea 9:9)

**I. God's people must \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of moral decay and outrageous evil. (v. 1-11)**

**- Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ was demonstrated in several key ways:**

- A. They Listened (v. 1-6)
- B. They Took Counsel (v. 7-8)
- C. They Made a Plan (v. 9-10)
- D. They Took Action (v. 11)

**II. The Failure to Confront Sin is to Become \_\_\_\_\_ in Evil. (v. 12-13)**

*"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.  
Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)*

**Scripture:** James 4:17; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:11

**III. The righteous pursuit of justice demands \_\_\_\_\_ rooted in God's will & God's glory. (v. 14-28)**

**- Through defeats, God accomplishes several things:**

- A. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-17)
- B. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 18-22)
- C. God \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)
- D. God is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24-28)

**IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the price of justice are devastating and costly. (v. 29-48)**

**Scripture:** Proverbs 28:18; 13:15; 1 Samuel 9:1

## **Questions to Consider & Discuss:**

- 1) Where in my life or our community am I (or are we) silently tolerating evil, and what is one concrete step I can take to confront it?
- 2) In what ways might misguided loyalty (to family, friends, or groups) prevent me from confronting sin?
- 3) Have I recently faced a "defeat" or setback when trying to do the right thing? How might God be using these defeats in my life? How ought I respond to these defeats?
- 4) How can our church better unite "as one man" to address moral decay or injustice in our local context?
- 5) Where have you observed the consequences of sin in and around you?
- 6) Considering the devastating cost of sin, what ongoing steps can I take to ensure my own heart and actions are aligned with God's righteousness, avoiding complicity with evil?