

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

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**Text : Judges 11: 29 – 12: 7**

**Title : Jephthah The Canaanite**

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## **Introduction**

No U-turns?

### **1. The Story so Far:**

- Sin and judgment – but this time the LORD refuses to help (10:6-16)!
- The elders of Gilead approach Jephthah (10:17–11:6)
- Jephthah’s terms (11:7-11)
- Jephthah’s debate with the king of the Ammonites (11:12-28)
- Jephthah’s questionable theology (11:23-24; ctr. Deut. 2:9-12)

### **2. The Battle with Ammon (11:29-33)**

- The LORD endues Jephthah with power (11:29)
- Jephthah’s vow: what? And why? (11:30-31)
- The LORD gives the Ammonites into Jephthah’s hand (11:32-33)

### **3. Jephthah Carries out his Vow**

- ‘What have you done? I cannot take out my vow’ (11:34-35)
- ‘Father, you must carry out your vow’ (11:36-37)
- ‘[He] did with her according to the vow which he had made’ (11:38-40)

#### **4. Civil War: The Battle with Ephraim (12:1-7)**

- Ephraim's grievance (12:1-2)
- Jephthah's response (12:3)
- Ephraim is defeated (12:4-6)
- (Contrast Gideon: 8:1-3)
- No 'peace formula' in 12:7

#### **How to apply this text?**

- Parents: don't sacrifice your children!
- We cannot presume on God to intervene
- Are we more 'Canaanite' than we are willing to admit?