

# Resisting the Urge to Settle

## (The Frog or The Fire?)



**Joshua 24:15-16, 21-22**

*15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to  
you, then choose for yourselves this day  
whom you will serve, whether the gods your  
ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the  
gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are  
living.*

*But as for me and my household, we will serve  
the LORD.*

*<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us  
to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!*

*<sup>21</sup> But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.*

**Judges 1:19, 21, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34**

# **Judges 2:1-7**

*<sup>1</sup> The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land I swore to give to your ancestors. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you,*



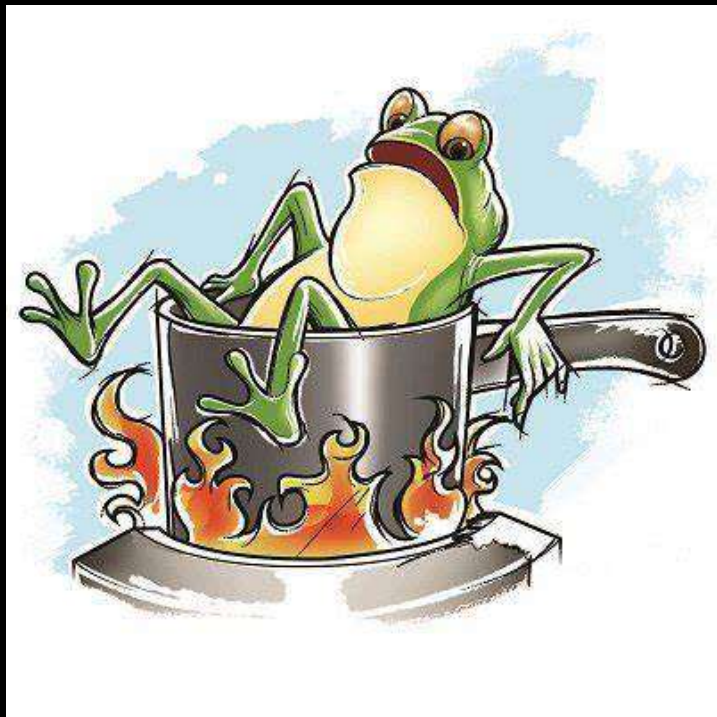
*<sup>2</sup> and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars. ' Yet you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this?*

*<sup>3</sup> And I have also said, ‘I will not drive them out  
before you; they will become traps for you,  
and their gods will become snares to you.’*

*<sup>4</sup> When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, <sup>5</sup> and they called that place Bokim (weeping). There they offered sacrifices to the LORD.*

*<sup>6</sup>After Joshua had dismissed the Israelites, they  
went to take possession of the land, each to  
their own inheritance.*

*<sup>7</sup> The people served the LORD throughout the  
lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who  
outlived him and who had seen all the great  
things the LORD had done for Israel.*



The Holy Spirit



*I set myself on fire and people  
come to watch me burn.*

*- John Wesley*



## Judges 17:6 (NLT)

*In those days Israel had no king; all the people  
did whatever seemed right  
in their own eyes.*

## Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

*Where there is no vision, the people perish: but  
he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

## Proverbs 29:18 (NIV)

*Where there is no revelation, people cast off  
restraint; but blessed is the one  
who heeds wisdom's instruction.*

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*Leadership emerges when someone has had  
enough, when they say change must take  
place, and when they're willing to stand up  
and be used by God to make a difference.*



*Leadership is an indispensable attribute of  
bringing true value to the rural church.*

*When someone resists the urge to settle and  
stands up to make a difference, the hope of  
God is unleashed into action.*

*It doesn't matter if the difference appears to be  
huge or minuscule, or if it comes from the  
presidency, the pulpit, or the nursery.*

*With growing leadership, based on godly,  
biblical principles, we can reach our  
communities, our country, and our world. But  
true leadership actually starts much closer  
than that.*

*Leadership doesn't begin in some remote corner of the mission field, or at the heights of some political office. It starts, actually, in the home.*

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