

**“Vow and Victory”
Judges 11:29-40**

1. In Judges 11:29, who “came upon” or clothed Jephthah, giving him divine enablement and victory in the approaching encounter with the Ammonite army (v.29)?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in your personal life?

2. Jephthah then traveled through various regions to recruit soldiers for the upcoming battle. What tragic vow does Jephthah make in verses 30-31?

3. What’s the result of Jephthah’s conflict with the sons of Ammon (vv. 32-33)?

4. How does God use unlikely people to accomplish His plans and purposes?

5. When victorious Jephthah arrives at his house at Mizpah, who is the first person to come out to meet him (v. 34)?

6. What does Jephthah say upon seeing his only child and remembering his vow (v. 35)?

The daughter’s joy became Jephthah’s sorrow. How does Jephthah express his sorrow in typical Near-Eastern fashion?

7. What is Jephthah’s daughter’s response upon learning of her father’s vow?

8. Whether she faced death or a life of perpetual sanctuary service, Jephthah’s daughter was not going to bear children and this was a cause of great sorrow in ancient Israel.

With his vow he sought to secure his present (a victory in battle), but through it he ended up sacrificing his future (his daughter & only child).

What custom did the young women of Israel take on each year to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah?