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# RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A RANDOM STORY

## A RANDOM STORY:

Judges 9

## SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS:

1 Corinthians 15:33, John 10:10, Proverbs 13:20, Psalm 1:1-3

- If you don't \_\_\_\_\_ now, you might not be able to \_\_\_\_\_ later.
- Choose wisely who and what you \_\_\_\_\_ now, because it will determine where you \_\_\_\_\_ later.
- Eventually . . . evil always \_\_\_\_\_ its own.
- Eventually . . . God *will* give you exactly \_\_\_\_\_.

# Home Fellowship Questions

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## 2 Timothy 2:15

Looking back at this week's teaching on "Random Thoughts from a Random Story" was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Which one of these verses do you find most helpful to tune into God's voice? Explain.

1. How do you know if you're listening to God?

2. Most of us believe that there's nothing wrong with gaining more power and influence. Yet this week we saw how Abimelech's thirst for power resulted in his demise. God's remedy on how to avoid this kind of downfall is somewhat counter-intuitive – it's not to become powerless, but rather to redirect our focus on what to be strong or powerful in. As you read **Matthew 20:24-28**, how does Jesus redirect the focus of how our "power" should be applied?

Can you think of any settings or situations at home, work or socially that you wish you had more power to apply what Jesus is telling us?

How might putting into action **2 Timothy 1:7** help strengthen your ability to serve as Jesus calls you to?

3. The Israelites and Abimelech ended up in a disastrous situation because of their failure to listen to God. How would putting the following verses into action help you determine if you're listening to God's guidance in your life?

**Proverbs 28:13, 14**

**Hebrews 3:13**

4. We've all experienced the power of our words – for good or bad. This week we saw what happened to "Gaal the son of Ebed" when he let his words run wild. When it comes to our speech and what we say, what guidelines are given in the Scriptures below?

**Ephesians 4:15**

**Proverbs 3:27**

**Proverbs 15:23**

**Proverbs 15:30**

Which one is most important for you to remember and why?

5. This week in *kidstuff* we talked about why it's important to decide who we hang out with, because eventually you will end up being like those people. Talk to your kids about the importance of choosing the right friends.

Here are some good verses to check out with them:

**Proverbs 13:20, I Corinthians 15:33 and Matthew 9:10-13**