

Judges 11:1-40; 12:1-7

THE CONTAMINATING CULTURE

1. The Culture Can Contaminate The Way We Do \_\_\_\_\_

Now Jephthah of Gilead was a great warrior. He was the son of Gilead, but his mother was a prostitute. <sup>2</sup> Gilead's wife also had several sons, and when these half brothers grew up, they chased Jephthah off the land. "You will not get any of our father's inheritance," they said, "for you are the son of a prostitute." - Judges 11:1–2 (NLT)

2. The Culture Can Contaminate The Way We \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

At about this time, the Ammonites began their war against Israel. <sup>5</sup> When the Ammonites attacked, the elders of Gilead sent for Jephthah in the land of Tob. <sup>6</sup> The elders said, "Come and be our commander! Help us fight the Ammonites!" <sup>7</sup> But Jephthah said to them, "Aren't you the ones who hated me and drove me from my father's house? Why do you come to me now when you're in trouble?" <sup>8</sup> "Because we need you," the elders replied. - Judges 11:4–8 (NLT)

3. The Culture Can Contaminate The Way We \_\_\_\_\_\_

And Jephthah made a vow to the Lord. He said, "If you give me victory over the Ammonites, <sup>31</sup> I will give to the Lord whatever comes out of my house to meet me when I return in triumph. I will sacrifice it as a burnt offering." - Judges 11:30–31 (NLT)

\*You can't \_\_\_\_\_ with a sovereign God.

4. The Culture Can Contaminate The Way We Deal With \_\_\_\_\_

For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. - Galatians 5:14–15 (NLT)