

Don't Just Get Mad... Get M.A.D. (Motivated Against the Devil)!

1Sam. 11:1-11

1. Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, "Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you."

2. But Nahash the Ammonite replied, "I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel."

3. The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you."

4. When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud.

5. Just then Saul was returning from the fields, behind his oxen, and he asked, "What is wrong with the people? Why are they weeping?" Then they repeated to him what the men of Jabesh had said.

6. When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger.

7. He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they turned out as one man.

8. When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

9. They told the messengers who had come, "Say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, `By the time the sun is hot tomorrow, you will be delivered.'" When the messengers went and reported this to the men of Jabesh, they were elated.

10. They said to the Ammonites, "Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and you can do to us whatever seems good to you."

11. The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

Radical = "Extremist, far beyond the norm, over the top, even to the point of being called crazy"

Compromise = to give up their right eye to the enemy (to make a covenant or an agreement with the enemy to avoid a fight).

1 Sam 10:27 - But some troublemakers said, "How can this fellow save us?" They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

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It says in Eph 4:26 - "In your anger do not sin":