



3. There are some things beyond our control, but even that does not mean that we give up trying. (Judges 1:19-20)

4. All success in the work of the LORD can be derailed by half-hearted obedience. (Judges 1:21, 27-36)

## Table Talk

- 1) How can a belief in God's sovereignty be distorted to be an excuse for avoiding hardship in obedience? What are your ambitions? How can those ambitions be submitted to the Lord?
- 2) With whom are you partnering in the cause of Christ? (see vv. 2-4)
- 3) What would all-out effort for Christ look like in your life? (vv. 2-18)
- 4) How do you respond when you are unable to succeed in your ambitions? Conclude that God is not with you? That God does not want you to succeed? Do you keep doing your best? What technology problem hindered Israel? (see v. 19)
- 5) Who is God wanting to influence through you? What ways do we see people influencing one another for good? vv. 3-18
- 6) What did Israel appear to desire more than obedience? (vv. 27-36) What do you desire more than obedience to Christ? How can we avoid compromise despite the fact that we live "among the Canaanites"? How can we place Christ ahead of economic success?