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## -Vision Launch Sunday- January 26<sup>th</sup> 2020



### Going deeper questions (Life Group)

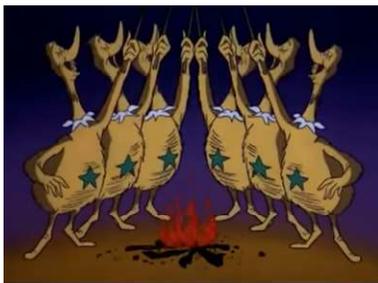
- What stood out to you about this message and why?
- What obligation did the Eastern Tribes have to the others in the Conquest of Canaan? Did they fulfill their oath? How does this speak to us as Christians today? **(POINT I)**
- What did the 2 ½ Eastern Tribes do when they got home? How was this act interpreted by those West of Jordan? How quick are we as Christians to jump to conclusions? **(POINT II)**
- Why did the West have reason to be concerned? How often does our conversation employ words of accusation and assumption? Is the goal of a conversation like this to get to the *point of why* or come to *understand the why*? **(POINT III)**
- What was the fear of the East? How does insecurity build walls when not addressed? How was their altar meant to be a bridge? **(POINT IV)**
- **Israel had to figure this out on their own. How well did they do? How well do we work to keep unity when possible in the family as Christians? What unites us together as family? (POINT V)**

# NOTES (PERSONAL)

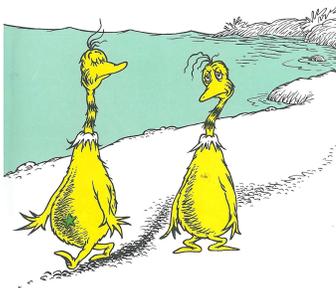
## Introduction

As a good Father, there are times God, Parents or Mentors need to step back and let the children figure things out. This is how we grow, making faith our own.

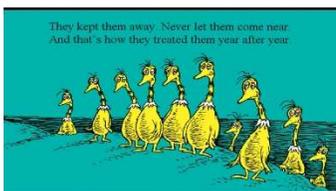
## How we are seen



## Can be fine in our Eyes



## Until we ask those who are on the outside.



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# MESSAGE OUTLINE

Title: **Figuring It Out**

Series: *Joshua: Salvation Through Judgment*

Text: *Joshua 22*

Main Idea: **Superiority and Insecurity can both build walls to divide**

## **I. An Oath Fulfilled (Joshua 22:1-9)**

- Having received their portion of inheritance on the East of Jordan, the Tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh (1/2) sent their fighting men ahead leaving family behind. Joshua 1:10-18
  - They led the way forward (Joshua 4:10-13)
- Joshua Summons these 2 ½ Tribes forward in a personal address.
  - You have served faithfully (Vv.1-3)
    - **Matthew 25:23 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8**
  - You are free from the oath to go home (v.4)
  - Serve God in the same faithfulness on the Homefront (v.5)

**Note: This is the first indication that the Jordan may prove a dividing wall between the West / East Tribes. Joshua has the fear of a father seeing the natural draw of children to lose the family bond they enjoyed in the home.**

- The 2 ½ Tribes return home sharing the *dividing* and *sharing* the resource they had acquired in the campaign. (Vv.6-9)

## **II. Wait- What are you doing?! (Joshua 22:10-12)**

- Upon their return the Eastern Tribes built an enormous altar which catches the attention of the Western Tribes (v.10)
  - The Western Tribes rally forces together in preparation for Civil War (Vv.11-12)

## **III. The Superiority of the Western Tribes (Joshua 22:13-20)**

- The Western Tribes send Phinehas along with delegation from the Tribes to address face to face with Eastern Tribes.
  - Note the conversation flow: *Accusation* (v.16), *Selfish Disregard* (Vv.17-18) and *Assumption* (Vv.19-20).
    - They had a right to be concerned -> Deut. 12:13-14

## **IV. The Insecurity of the Eastern Tribes (Joshua 22:21-29)**

- The Eastern appeals that the West has it all wrong!
  - They fear that the Jordan will divide them resulting in their children being excluded (Vv.22-25).
  - The altar was meant for a witness to bridge the family together (Vv.26-29)

## **V. The Children Figure It Out (Joshua 22: 30-34)**

- Without direct involvement of Joshua (or God), the young Nation have worked this situation out and affirmed the both sides of Jordan are family. This altar embodies that witness for future generations. -> **1 Corinthians 12:3**

