

THE GIBEONITES

Joshua 9





The Israelites neglected to consult the Lord



JOSHUA 9:14

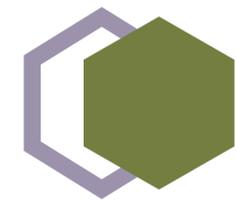
The Israelites sampled [the Gibeonites'] provisions but **did not enquire of the Lord.**





**A VERY
CAREFULLY
CRAFTED RUSE**

- Worn out sacks
- Old cracked wineskins
- Worn and patched sandals
- Old clothes; all bread dry & mouldy
- Mention Egypt, Sihon, Og; not Jericho & Ai
- “Because of the fame of your the Lord your God”

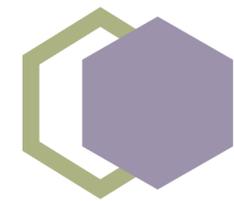


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WE OFTEN MAKE DECISIONS OURSELVES



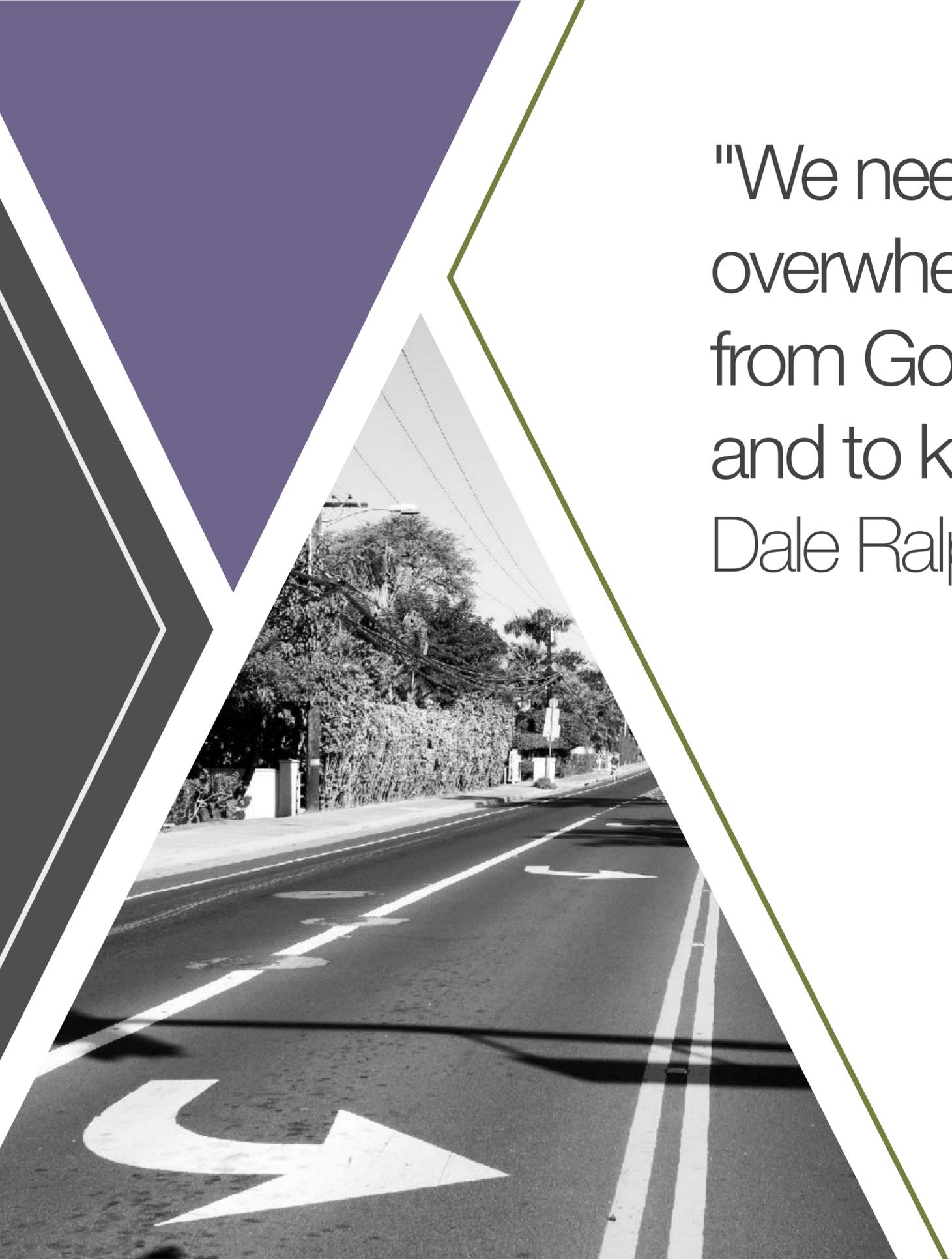
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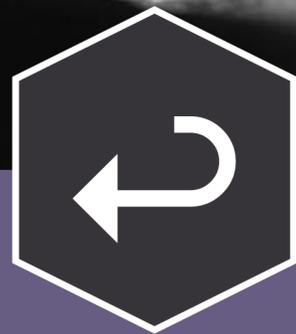


APPLICATION 1

Ask God for wisdom and help; even if you don't need it!



"We need not only power from God to overwhelm our enemies, but wisdom from God to detect our subtle enemies... and to know the right course of action."
Dale Ralph Davis



APPLICATION 2

Be humble; admit your mistake and take responsibility.

JOSHUA 9:19

The whole assembly grumbled against the leaders, but all the leaders answered, ‘We have given them our oath by the Lord, the God of Israel, and we cannot touch them now.’



JOSHUA 9:18

But the Israelites did not attack them, because the leaders of the assembly had sworn an oath to them by the Lord, the God of Israel.



JOSHUA 9:21

They continued, 'Let [the Gibeonites] live, but let them be woodcutters and water-carriers in the service of the whole assembly.' So the leaders' promise to them was kept.



TEMPLE SERVANTS

1 Chronicles 9:2

Now the first to resettle on their own property in their own towns were some Israelites, priests, Levites and **temple servants**.

Ezra 2:43; 58

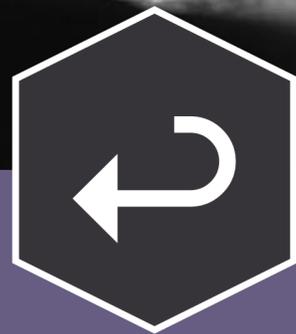
The **temple servants**: the descendants of Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth...

The **temple servants** and the descendants of the servants of Solomon...

Nehemiah 3:26

...and the **temple servants** living on the hill of Ophel made repairs up to a point opposite the Water Gate towards the east and the projecting tower.





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