**Abimelech: Most Unlikely to Accomplish God’s Purpose**

“Most UNlikely To,” part three

Judges 9

**Abimelech’s Character Defects**

**He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

“Abimelek son of Jerub-Baal went to his mother’s brothers in Shechem and said to them and to all his mother’s clan, **2**‘Ask all the citizens of Shechem, ‘Which is better for you: to have all seventy of Jerub-Baal’s sons rule over you, or just one man?’ Remember, I am your flesh and blood.’” Judges 9:1-2 (NIV)

**He loved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

“He went to his father’s home in Ophrah and on one stone murdered his seventy brothers, the sons of Jerub-Baal. But Jotham, the youngest son of Jerub-Baal, escaped by hiding. **6**Then all the citizens of Shechem and Beth Millo gathered beside the great tree at the pillar in Shechem to crown Abimelek king.” Judges 9:5-6 (NIV)

**He cared too much about his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**50 “**Next Abimelek went to Thebez and besieged it and captured it.**51**Inside the city, however, was a strong tower, to which all the men and women—all the people of the city—had fled. They had locked themselves in and climbed up on the tower roof. **52**Abimelek went to the tower and attacked it. But as he approached the entrance to the tower to set it on fire, **53**a woman dropped an upper millstone on his head and cracked his skull. **54**Hurriedly he called to his armor-bearer, ‘Draw your sword and kill me, so that they can’t say, ‘A woman killed him.’” So his servant ran him through, and he died. **55**When the Israelites saw that Abimelek was dead, they went home.”

Judges 9:50-55 (NIV)

**22 “**After Abimelek had governed Israel three years, **23**God stirred up animosity between Abimelek and the citizens of Shechem so that they acted treacherously against Abimelek. **24**God did this in order that the crime against Jerub-Baal’s seventy sons, the shedding of their blood, might be avenged on their brother Abimelek and on the citizens of Shechem, who had helped him murder his brothers.” Judges 9:22-24 (NIV)

**God can use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—even His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—to accomplish His \_\_\_\_\_.**

**You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ in check.**

**We only need one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**