

## **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, <sup>2</sup>'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. <sup>6</sup>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 \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>50</sup> "Next Abimelek went to Thebez and besieged it and captured it.<sup>51</sup> 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. <sup>52</sup> Abimelek went to the tower and attacked it. But as he approached the entrance to the tower to set it on fire, <sup>53</sup> a woman dropped an upper millstone on his head and cracked his skull. <sup>54</sup> 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. <sup>55</sup> When the Israelites saw that Abimelek was dead, they went home." Judges 9:50-55 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> "After Abimelek had governed Israel three years, <sup>23</sup> God stirred up animosity between Abimelek and the citizens of Shechem so that they acted treacherously against Abimelek. <sup>24</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.**