Last week we learned how it is impossible to do what you want, when you want, and with whom you want without hurting others, including yourself! The Book of Judges shows exactly how the Israelites suffered through the cycle of Disobedience – Disaster – Deliverance. Begin your study by reading Judges 21:25, Joshua 24:14, 16-18, 21 and Judges 2:11-15; 3:8.

When, and about what, have you said, “Lord, I surrender all to you, except…” How would you fill in the blank? Why the reservation?

When you say “no” to the Creator King, is it because you have traded our King for another “little king?” How has appetite, hurt, lust, insecurity, family dysfunction, alcohol or drugs, loneliness or greed taken over your life?

Why do you think it is easier to say “no” to God and “yes” to some destructive habit or behavior, when you can have the maximum freedom found only under the authority of God?

“But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Excerpted from Joshua 24:15 (NLT)