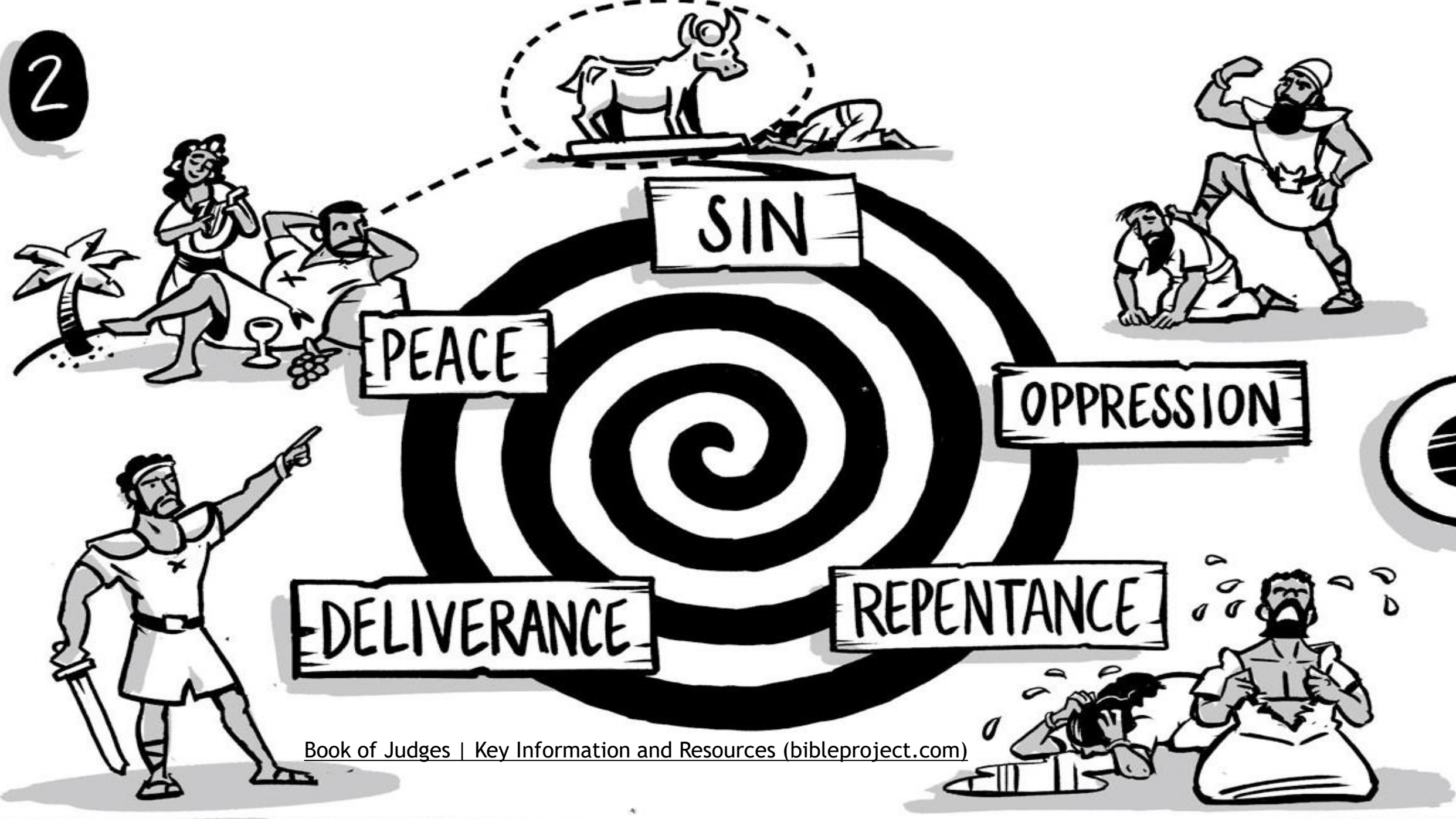


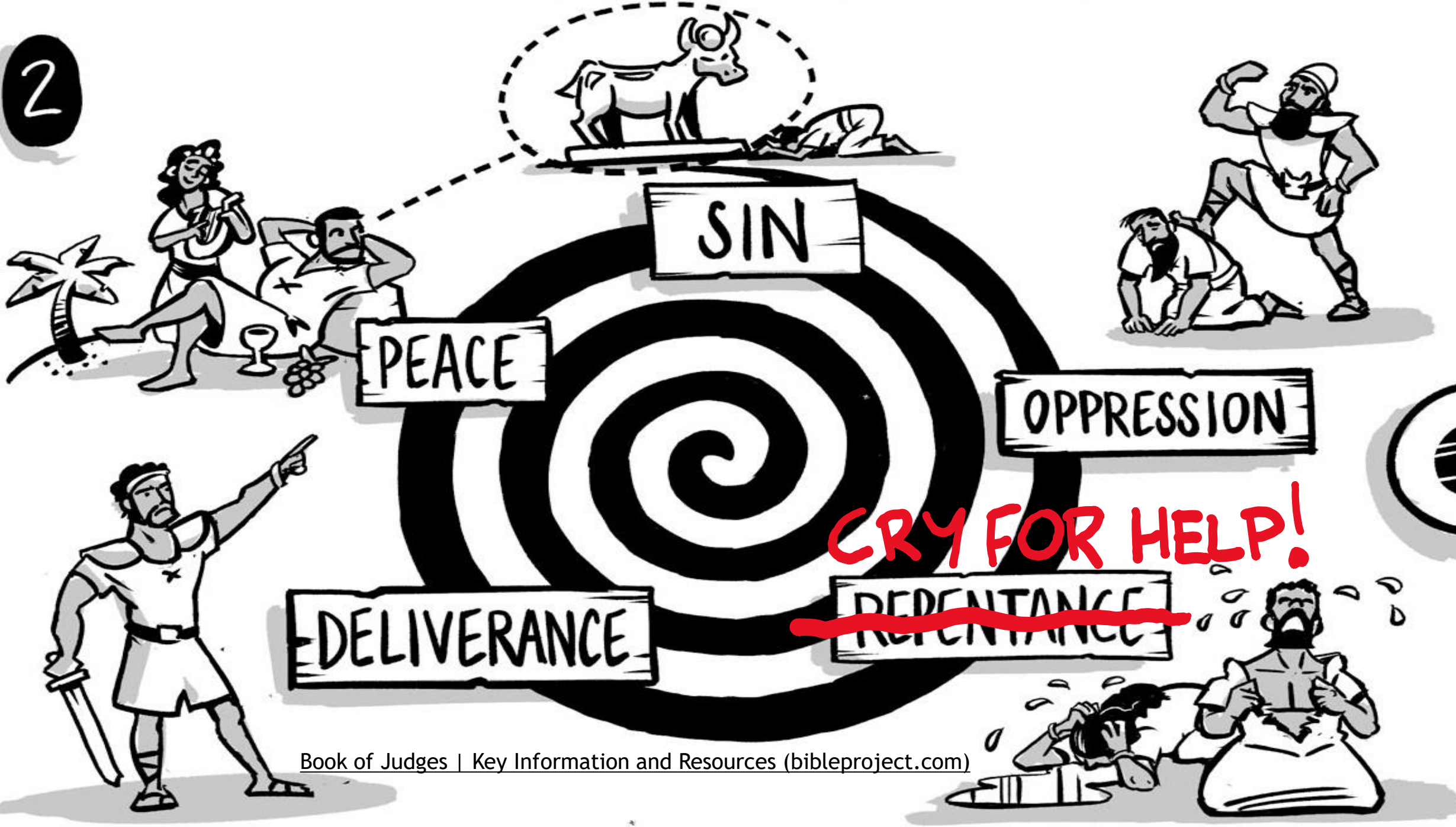
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Judges 6-8

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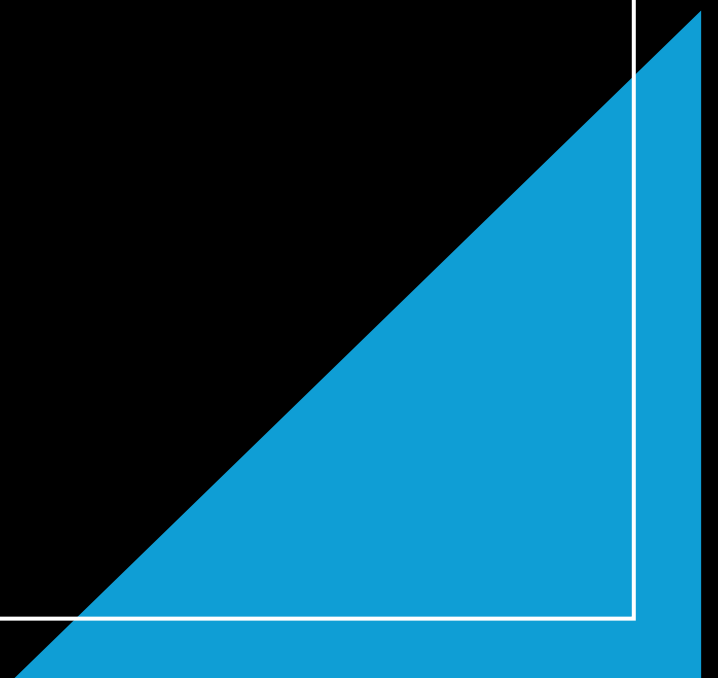


ISRAEL'S RESPONSE IN JUDGES

- **Jephthah:** “And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord”... We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you. Only please deliver us this day. So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD...” (Judges 10:10, 15-16)
- **Samson:** no recorded cry for God’s help or act of repentance
- **Othniel:** “But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD...” (Judges 3:9)
- **Ehud:** “Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD...” (Judges 3:15)
- **Deborah:** “Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help...” (Judges 4:3)

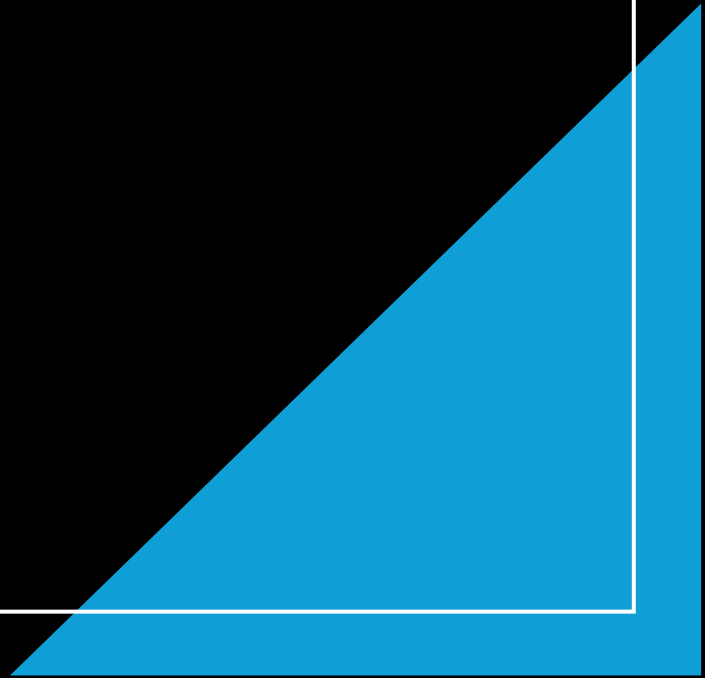
1. CRY FOR HELP ≠ REPENTANCE.

**Repentance requires us to ACT and
COMMIT TO CHANGE.**



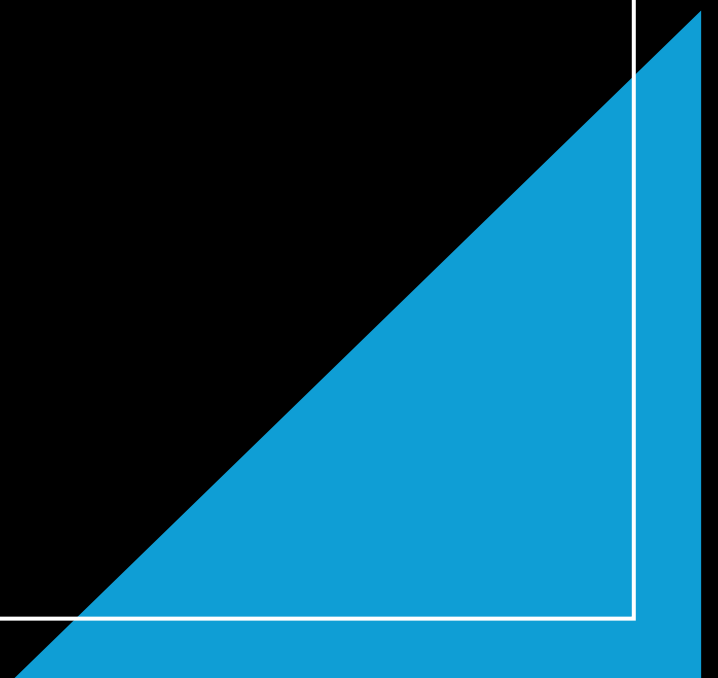
2. ISRAEL IS QUICK TO FORGET GOD

Information is not passed on and generations are not disciplined.



3. GOD IS GRACIOUS + POWERFUL

God reminds Israel to trust in His strength rather than their own.



SO WHAT?

1. Deal seriously with the problem of sin and remember that a cry for help ≠ Repentance
 2. Be quick to Remember God, slow to forget Him, and committed to proclaiming Him + discipling the next generation.
 3. Do it in God's strength. Ask for help from our gracious + powerful God
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