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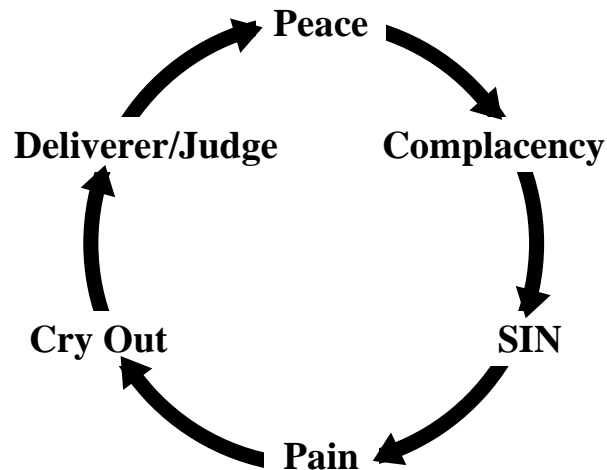
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Stepping Out in Faith
 "Identifying Spiritual Entropy"
 Judges

en•tro•py (ɛnˈtrɒpi) *n.*

1. A measure of the disorder or randomness in a closed system.
2. A measure of the loss of information in a transmitted message.
3. Inevitable and steady deterioration of a system or society.

A Deadly Cycle



Seven Causes of Spiritual Entropy

1. We do not **passionately** and consistently impart **faith** to the next **generation**.
2. We focus on OUR **abilities, strength, and status** to accomplish GOD'S **purposes**.
3. We limit ministry to a few **elite and trained "professionals"**.
4. We become so enmeshed in **secular culture** that we don't even notice when we adopt **ungodly practices**.
5. We forget and break the **covenant commitments** we have made before God and **others**.
6. We let our **desires and impulses** rule our lives rather than the **Holy Spirit**.
7. We cry out to God for help because we are facing **pain** but not because we are truly **sorry for our sin**.

READING PLAN:

Complete Track

- Monday - Ruth; Psalm 39
- Tuesday - I Samuel 1-2
- Wednesday - I Samuel 3-5; Psalm 40
- Thursday - I Samuel 6-8; Psalm 41
- Friday - I Samuel 9-11; Psalm 42
- Weekend - I Samuel 12-15

Fast Track

- 1st Reading - Judges 2-4; Psalm 57
- 2nd Reading - Judges 5-6; Psalm 59
- 3rd Reading - Judges 7-8; Psalm 86