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Sermon Outline for Sunday, May 29, 2022

Sermon: "You Thought it Couldn't Get Worse!" What's Wrong With You People? Pt. 46

### **I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Judges 17*

New Covenant: *John 4:1-24*

### **II Doctrine:**

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### **III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

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