

# TO UNDERSTAND JUSTICE

1 Kings 3:11



# DETERMINING OUR ROLE

- Do I have a role in the adjudication of this offense (Matt. 18:15; 1 Tim. 5:19; Jn. 18:31-38)?
- Is this an offense worth pursuing (Matt. 7:1-5; 2 Cor. 6:11-13)?
- Do we have enough witnesses and facts to proceed (Deut. 19:15)?
- We often imagine we have vital roles when something is actually none of our business (2 Sam. 16:7-8).



# THE PROCEEDINGS

- The nature of witnesses (Deut. 19:17-18; 1 Tim. 5:18).
- Enough evidence to tell a story is not the same as enough evidence to prove a story (Josh. 9:3-13).
- Motives can play a role but must be proved (Josh. 22).
- Character matters (Num. 12:6-8; 1 Kgs. 2:36-45).
- All of this takes some time to play out (Josh. 7:16-18).
- Judges and juries cannot make decisions on gut feelings (Jn. 7:50-52).

