



Looking at some of the heroes from Hebrews 11.

GIDEON

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

Judges 6:14-15

BIBLE READING PLAN:

Read Hebrews 11: 32-34

- What are the *key phrases* that stand out to you in this passage?

Read Judges 6:7-10

- How do you think the Israelites were feeling at this point in history?
- Was the Lord still on the side of the Israelites?
- Do you think that the Israelites deserved to be in this predicament? Why or why not?

Read Judges 6:11-18

- How would you respond if God called you "mighty warrior"?
- Have you ever argued with God, or blamed Him for something? What was the result?
- How does the Lord respond to Gideon's complaint (v14)?

Read Judges 6:36-40

- How do you feel about Gideon's request for proof?
- How does doubt factor in the journey of faith?

Read Judges 7:9-15

- God initiates the final proof for Gideon, why do you think this is?
- In your own journey of faith have ever struggled with doubt only to persevere and see the promises fulfilled? What has this taught you?

ADDITIONAL READING:

Read Judges 8

- Consider how the story of Gideon ends, particularly Judges 8:27. What does the lesson of the "snare of Gideon" mean to you when you see your victory.

PERSONAL DEVOTION PLAN:

Gideon replied, "If now I have found favour in your eyes give me a sign that it is really you talking to me."

Judges 6:17

Consider your own journey of faith. Think of times that God has given you a sign of His favour even when you haven't asked. Think of times when you have asked for a sign and what the result was.

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for the one who believes." Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."

Mark 9:23-24

From the Sunday message on this passage, what key thoughts can you apply to your personal faith journey?

Connect with your "buddy" for support and accountability.

- Together, discuss times of doubt and times of victory in your faith journey.
- What is the response of faith you feel God is asking you to make this week?
- How can you share your journey of doubt to faith with others?

PRAYER SUGGESTION:

As you pray, ask God to increase your faith in those areas where you don't feel that you have enough. Believe that God wants to encourage you in your journey and see His hand working in your life.

Ask for guidance and wisdom to take steps of faith, maybe even **bold** steps of faith!

Pray for each other and speak God's blessing over each other. Suggest using scripture:

- Jude 1: 20-22
- 2 Corinthians 5: 6-8
- 2 Timothy 1: 6-8