



This week we will study about a Judge named Gideon who was chosen by God to deliver His people.



Torchlight

"Success does not depend upon numbers. God can deliver by few as well as by many. He is honoured not so much by the great numbers as by the character of those who serve Him"
– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 550



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Gideon

Daily Devotional 30



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for my Bible. Please remind me to read my Bible everyday so that I stay close to you. Thank You for my family and their care for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

“Say to those who are fearful hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.’”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 1:27-34 &
2:10-19



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that the children of Israel did not drive out all the Canaanites from their allotted territories and did not destroy their altars as God asked them to, so they became a snare to the Israelites. After the generation of Joshua the Israelites started worshipping the gods of their enemies. So God delivered the Israelites into their hands. Oppression and hardship would come to the Israelites. They would repent and God, in His mercy, would raise up a Judge to deliver them. Peace would come for many years but, as soon as that Judge died, they would go into apostasy again.



This was a pattern of behaviour that happened again and again over the following generations. We can learn from the Israelites' experience by not straying from God and by not getting caught up with worshipping the idols of this world. Stay close to God by reading your Bible and praying to Him every day. Ask God to help you remain faithful to Him.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 2:_____

“Nevertheless, the LORD raised up _____
_____.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for the sunshine and rain and the good food you provide for me to eat. Thank You for my comfy bed and a roof over my head. Help me to understand what I read today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

“Say to those who are fearful hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.’”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 6:1-24



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today our reading tells us that the Israelites started worshipping false gods again, so God delivered them into the hand of the Midianites. The Midianites came and ate up everything like locusts and stripped the land of food. Verse 1 tells us this went on for a period of seven years. The Israelites became impoverished, or very poor and hungry, and cried out to God. In God's mercy, He raised up another Judge named Gideon. God sent an Angel to speak with Gideon and told him that He wanted him to deliver the Israelites out of the hand of the Midianites. Gideon wanted evidence that it was an Angel of the LORD that had just spoken to him. Gideon told the Angel to wait while he went and prepared a meal for the heavenly visitor. When Gideon returned with the food the Angel directed Gideon to make an offering to the LORD, which God accepted and consumed with fire.

The story of preparing food for a visiting angel is a familiar one. Check out *Genesis 18:1-15* and also look at *Hebrews 13:2*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 6:_____

“Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, ‘Alas, O Lord _____! _____’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for all You do for me. Help me to keep Your commandments and remain faithful to You. Please use me to share Jesus with someone today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

"Say to those who are fearful hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.'"

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 6:25-32



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today we learn that the LORD spoke to Gideon and told him to tear down his father's altar and the image that was beside it. Gideon's father had become caught up in idol worship. Gideon did this at night so, when the people found out in the morning that their altar was destroyed, they became very angry. They worked out that Gideon had done this and wanted his father to hand him over so they could kill him. But Gideon's father, Joash, protected Gideon as he had found out that an Angel of the LORD had visited his son. Joash told them if Baal was really god, he could look after himself.



Check out the Ten Commandments. God asks us not to worship idols. Read *Exodus 20:2-5*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 6:_____

"So they said to one another, 'Who has done this thing?' And when they had inquired and asked, _____, '_____' _____."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY

Dear Father, thank you for my mum and dad. Help me to have a more thankful and grateful heart. I love You Lord. Help me to understand what I read in Your Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

"Say to those who are fearful hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.'"

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 6:33-40



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading from the Bible today tells us that the Midianites and the Amalekites came up again against the Israelites. Gideon called his fellow brethren from surrounding tribes to war. But before he went to war he wanted confirmation, or a sign, that God would help them be victorious. Gideon placed a fleece, or sheepskin, on the ground at night and he prayed that in the morning the fleece would be wet, but the ground around it be dry. God answered his prayer, and when he awoke the next morning, indeed this is what had happened. But Gideon wanted to be doubly sure and he asked God to reverse the miracle. Again Gideon laid out the fleece on the ground and in the morning the fleece was dry and the ground around it wet. God had answered his prayer the second time! Gideon was now satisfied that his mission was God ordained and he and the Israelites would have victory.



Gideon asked God for a sign, as evidence that God would be with him. This is a familiar story that we have covered before. Revisit the story in *Exodus 4:1-8*.

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 6:_____

"_____ . _____ , he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for the stories in the Bible that strengthen my faith in You. Please send the Holy Spirit to come into my heart so I can keep Your commandments and be an obedient child. I love you Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

"Say to those who are fearful hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.'"

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 7:1-8



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today God told Gideon he had too many soldiers. God told him to tell his soldiers that, if they were afraid, they could go home. Twenty two thousand men chose to do this! Only ten thousand soldiers remained. But God told Gideon that there were still too many! God directed Gideon to take his soldiers down to the river to drink. The men who got on their hands and knees to drink from the river had to go home. The men who scooped the water up with their cupped hands and sucked, or lapped, up the water as they went, were chosen. So out of the thirty two thousand soldiers only three hundred remained. God was testing their characters, as the three hundred men that were chosen showed they knew they had a job to do. God was trying to show the Israelites that it was not about numbers. If their hearts were surrendered to God, He could do amazing things for His people. God also wanted Israel to give God the glory for winning the battle and not to take the honour for themselves by winning with large numbers. God wanted them to totally depend on Him.

God is dependable, we can rely on Him, read *Psalms 18:1-3*.



FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 7:_____

"And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three _____; _____
_____."

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

“Say to those who are fearful hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.’”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 7:9-23



then broke their clay pitchers to show their torches. It created such a panic with the Midianites that they became confused and they killed each other while running away. God won the battle, through Gideon, with only three hundred men.

Our memory verse for this week is a good one to claim when we are frightened or afraid. Gideon was afraid and God, in His mercy, used the enemy to encourage him. God does not want us to be involved in a physical war like Gideon was. Today we are involved in a spiritual war and we know the Bible is more powerful than 'a two edged sword'! You can find that in *Hebrews 4:12*. Get your power and strength through the Word and claim His promises!

FIND AND FINISH THIS VERSE - JUDGES 7:

"Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a _____, _____, _____.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for another Sabbath Day. Help me to draw closer to You today as I spend time with You. Help me to shine my light for You today and to be a blessing to someone else. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - ISAIAH 35:4

“Say to those who are fearful hearted, ‘Be strong, do not fear! ... He will come and save you.’”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Judges 7:24-25 &
8:1-3, 22-35



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Gideon called his brethren to war, the tribe of Ephraim did not go as they thought that going up against the Midianites and the Amalekites would be a fruitless exercise. But Gideon called the tribe again to follow up the battle in which he and his three hundred men had just been involved. They stopped the escape of a large amount of fugitives and captured two princes. The tribe of Ephraim were angry with Gideon, as they were jealous that they were not part of the initial battle. But Gideon, in his wisdom, told them that their contribution was important and it soothed their anger. After this victory the Israelites wanted to make Gideon their king. But Gideon, refused, as he acknowledged God alone was their king, and there was peace in the land for forty years. During this time of peace, Gideon made a big mistake by taking on the role as priest without consulting God. The worship at the Sanctuary at Shiloh was not to be replicated anywhere else. It's so easy, after success and victory, to be led astray by Satan and get 'off track'. This is what happened with Gideon. Here are some verses to claim to help you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. *Psalm 119:37, Psalm 121:1-2, 1st Corinthians 15:58, and Ephesians 6:10.*



SABBATH QUIZ

1. What were the two false gods that the Israelites chose to worship? Look in Judges 2:13. _____
2. What was Gideon doing when the Angel of the LORD came to speak with him? _____
3. What did Gideon have to tear down that belonged to his father? _____
4. Gideon placed something on the ground that became both wet and dry. What was it? _____
5. What did Gideon place in the hands of his three hundred men? _____