

GIDEON-Chosen Deliverer Judges 6:11-24, 33-40 11-13-16

Intro to Judges 6: “You did it again ...” What may seem hidden?

Midianites destroy crops & God sends a prophet.

Father remembers & listens BUT his kids forget & ignore.

The Lord is a Father who longs for relationship, even if shaky.

1. GOD SENDS US ON MISSION

*** What God Sees In Us**

~ The Lord is w/ us.

~ Mighty warrior!

~ Jesus: Feed them! You are my witnesses.

Pattern: Sense of inadequacy is compulsory requirement!

If any rescue will happen, God will be doing it!

*** Can We Believe What God Sees?**

~ Gracious God helps see ourselves in a new way...!

~ He patient with us as we learn.

~ God confirms his promise ... & leads us to worship!

2. GOD EQUIPS US FOR MISSION

*** The Spirit Moves Us**

~ From Gideon to Jesus

~ Jesus promises his Spirit to his disciples & us

*** God Reassures Us in Love**

~ The promise & the fleece!

~ God uses unlikely people like you & me for his mission.

See page 2 for more story & reflections on Gideon

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Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

Judges 6:1-10 Gideon's Challenging Times

1. What makes the "7 years in Midian's hand" so challenging? How do people adjust?
2. How does the prophet's message go over? In what way do we not listen to God?

Judges 6:25-32 Gideon Gets Rid of Idols

1. Why does Gideon tear down idols at night? How significant is the altar he builds?
2. Gideon is sure & unsure? How are you like that? How have you used a "fleece"?

Judges 7:1-8 God Choses Gideon's Army

1. Why does God reduce Gideon's army to only 300?
2. Why do Gideon & Purah go to the enemy camp? What does this tell you about God?
3. Draw a picture of the dream that Gideon heard about.

Judges 7:9-25 God Delivers Israel From Midian

1. Besides God what does Gideon's plan have going for it? How does it succeed?
2. Read 2Corinthians 12:7-10. Describe how God uses weakness to help others?

Judges 8:22-35 Israel's Mixed Response

1. Why does Gideon refuse to be ruler & point to the Lord as ruler?
2. How could Gideon allow worship of an ephod instead of God?
After Gideon's death, what happens to worship practices?
3. What tends to become an "ephod" for you? What do you need to change?