

Judges – Faithful God, Flawed People



5-Day Devotional: Calling all Weaklings

Judges 6-8 (Gideon); Week 5 – Erik & Holly Snoreen

Day 1: God Calls the Weak

Scripture:

"The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!'" —
Judges 6:12 (NLT)

Reflection:

Gideon was hiding in fear, threshing wheat in a winepress, yet God called him a **mighty hero**. Gideon didn't feel strong or capable, but God saw beyond his fears and weaknesses. When we feel unqualified, afraid, or unworthy, God still calls us according to **who we can become in His strength, not who we think we are**.

Application:

- Identify one area where you feel weak or unqualified.
- Ask God to show you how He sees you.
- Memorize Judges 6:12 as a reminder that **God calls you by His strength, not your own**.

Prayer:

Lord, I often feel weak and inadequate, but You see me differently. Help me to trust Your calling and step forward in faith. Remind me that You are with me, just as You were with Gideon. Amen.

Day 2: Strength in Surrender

Scripture:

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"
— 2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

Reflection:

Gideon believed he was too weak to lead, but God wasn't asking him to be strong on his own—He was asking him to **trust in His power**. Our culture tells us to hide weakness, but God invites us to **surrender it to Him** so that His power can work through us. True strength comes when we **depend fully on God**.

Application:

- What weakness have you been trying to fix on your own?
- Surrender it to God in prayer and trust Him to work through it.
- Write down 2 Corinthians 12:9 and place it somewhere as a **daily reminder that His grace is enough**.

Prayer:

Father, I give You my weaknesses. Teach me to rely on Your strength instead of my own. Let Your power be displayed in my life so that I may glorify You. Amen.

Day 3: Trusting God, Even in Doubt

Scripture:

"Then Gideon said to God, 'If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel, as you promised, prove it to me in this way...'" — Judges 6:36-37 (NLT)

Reflection:

Gideon wasn't instantly fearless. He needed **reassurance** from God, and God met him in his doubts. Many of us hesitate to take steps of faith because we want **certainty**, but faith is about **trusting God even when we don't have all the answers**. Like Gideon, we can ask for guidance—but at some point, we must step forward in obedience.

Application:

- Are you waiting for a "sign" before obeying God?
- Take one small **step of faith** today, even if you don't feel ready.
- Reflect on a time when God proved His faithfulness to you.

Prayer:

Lord, I sometimes struggle with doubt. Thank You for being patient with me, just as You were with Gideon. Help me to trust You, even when I don't have all the answers. Amen.

Day 4: Less Is More with God

 **Scripture:**

"The Lord said to Gideon, 'You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast that they saved themselves by their own strength.'" — Judges 7:2 (NLT)

 **Reflection:**

Gideon started with **32,000 soldiers**, but God reduced his army to **300**. Why? Because He wanted Israel to see that **victory comes from Him alone, not their own strength**. Sometimes, God removes things we depend on so that we learn to **fully trust Him**. If we could do everything on our own, we wouldn't need faith!

 **Application:**

- Has God removed something from your life that you depended on?
- Instead of fear, choose to see it as an opportunity to **trust Him more**.
- Write a prayer of surrender, releasing control to God.

 **Prayer:**

Father, I admit that I like to be in control, but today I choose to trust You. Help me to see that when You take something away, it's to draw me closer to You. Strengthen my faith to rely on You alone. Amen.

Day 5: Faith Over Fear

 **Scripture:**

"Through faith they conquered kingdoms, administered justice, gained what was promised... gained strength in weakness, became mighty in battle, put foreign armies to flight." — Hebrews 11:32-34 (NIV)

 **Reflection:**

Gideon’s story doesn’t end in fear—it ends in **faith**. Even though he started out weak and uncertain, **God used him to do the impossible**. Faith isn’t about having no fear—it’s about **trusting God despite fear**. The heroes of faith in Hebrews 11 weren’t perfect, but they chose to believe in **God’s power rather than their limitations**.

 **Application:**

- What step of faith is God asking you to take?
- Write a **faith declaration**, such as: *“I may feel weak, but with God, I am strong!”*
- Reflect on how trusting God in the past has strengthened your faith.

 **Prayer:**

Lord, help me to walk by faith and not by sight. I may not feel strong, but I know that You are with me. Give me the courage to step into Your calling, just as Gideon did. Amen.