

Imagine you work hard every day of the week and get your money from the boss at the end of the month (yeah, I know they will wire it to your bank account). On the way home, your money is stolen by a local thief. He not only takes your money, but anything else of value you have on you. He then makes you take him to your home and takes anything of value he sees there. The next month the same thing happens. This goes on for SEVEN years! This is something like the Israelites were facing. Sometimes they didn't even take the produce themselves. They merely destroyed it out of spite/hate. They are compared to locusts who descend on a land and just wipe out everything there. After seven years, the people of Israel cried out to God for help.

When do you feel most helpless when troubles come? Are you good at praying it through first or do you wait until all other avenues have been exhausted first?

Read Judges 6:1-24

1. How does the Israelites' suffering in the hands of the Midianites reflect the consequences of their disobedience?
2. Why do you think God chose Gideon, a seemingly ordinary man, to lead the Israelites? How does the story of Gideon's call challenge our understanding of who is capable of serving God's purpose?
3. How does Gideon's doubt reflect his human nature? How does God respond to this doubt?

4. How might Gideon's act of destroying the altar of Baal reflect his newfound faith and courage? What are the idols that you would like to see torn down in our culture today?
5. What does the episode of the fleece reveal about Gideon's relationship with God? What is your 'fleece' moment when you sought a sign from God? How did God respond?
6. Why do you think God patiently accommodated Gideon's request for signs?
7. How can Gideon's story inspire us to trust in God's plan, even when it seems improbable?
8. How does the chapter highlight the importance of repentance in restoring our relationship with God?
9. How can we apply the lessons from Gideon's call to our modern day lives? Can you think of a time when you felt unqualified for a task God was calling you to do? How did you respond?
10. How can Gideon's initial hesitation and ultimate obedience inspire us to deal with doubt in our spiritual journey?

Prayer Points

Pray for the ongoing conflicts around the world. Pray for those who serve our country and who have served in previous years.

Pray that God will grant BMS-supported workers in Morocco the wisdom and patience to love those who persecute them. Praise God that the light of the gospel is shining into hearts and homes.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

November 10th 2024

Remembrance Sunday



When you see the circumstances around you, things that are wrong in this world or the town, do you feel overwhelmed? Perhaps you say to yourself what can I do?

This year we particularly remember D-Day, when 80 years ago people who felt like we sometimes do, decided to change the world. Men and women from different parts of the world gave their lives in various ways to fight for peace, stand up to oppression and sacrifice themselves for others. It is important that we continue to learn the lessons of the past and walk in Jesus' footsteps. As we reflect upon our history, may we see Christ's example, his mercy and desire to win for us a future that we have not earned.

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