

Imagine what Gideon must have been thinking! How do you see growth in Gideon in this incident?

Think back over the last six months. Write down three ways you've seen God's mercy and faithfulness towards you — it may be as basic as, "I survived." but write it down!

How does God's past faithfulness encourage you today?

Thank God today for His mercy and love. Pray that you'll have a good memory when it comes to His faithfulness and that you'll draw courage from it!

Friday

Please read Judges 7:8b-18. How fun to read the fulfillment of this episode in Gideon's life!

In what way do you relate to Gideon? How has the study of Gideon encouraged you this week? How has it challenged you?

Thank God today for the Bible and the opportunity to study it. Pray that as you go through life's different episodes you'll talk honestly with God and grow in faith as you see God's hand at work in your life.

Saturday

Please read Psalm 28:6-9. How does this Psalm relate to Gideon's story?

Using this passage, write a prayer of thanksgiving to God today.

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that as we resume our study of the Sermon on the Mount we'll all grow in grace and our understanding of God.

Song Lyrics

June 27 & 28, 2009

I WILL BOAST

VERSE

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom
Or the strong man boast of his strength
Let not the rich man boast of his riches
But let the humble come and give thanks
To the One who made us, the One who saved us

CHORUS

I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy
I will boast in the Lord my God
I will boast in the One Who's worthy, He's worthy

BRIDGE

I will make my boast in Christ alone (sing 6 times)

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MIGHTY TO SAVE

VERSE 1

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

CHORUS

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

VERSE 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

BRIDGE

Shine your light and let the whole world see, We're singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory of the risen king

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WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD

CHORUS

Tell me who, who, who is like our God?
Tell me who, who, who can describe Him?
Who, who can ever reach the end
Of the greatness, of the greatness of our God?
(Repeat)

VERSE 1

The unpopular He turns into heroes.
The weak become the strong.
Our mourning He turns into dancing,
And our tears are exchanged for a song.

VERSE 2

The wand'ring heart He calls back to serve Him.
The wrong is set to right.
The fearful He fills up with confidence,
And our doubts now are all put to flight.

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Daily Meditations

Take a few minutes every day to read Scripture, pray, and answer some thought-provoking questions pertaining to this week's topic.

Monday

Please read Judges 6:13-16. What is one thing you learned about Gideon through last weekend's presentation?

As you read this passage, in what way(s) do you relate to Gideon?

What is the Lord's promise to Gideon? How does that specific promise encourage you this week?

Thank God today that He is with you each step of the way. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the life of Gideon. Pray that you'll grow in faith and hope this week.

Tuesday

Please read Judges 6:17-24. In this passage we read Gideon's first request for a sign from God. Why do you think Gideon wanted a sign?

In what area of your life have you recently hoped for a sign from God?

What hope do you gain from God's response to Gideon? How can you apply that to your life today?

Thank God today that He understands you and your needs. Talk to Him about the area of your life where you are struggling with acting on what you believe He's asking you to do.

Wednesday

Please read Judges 6:36-40. Once again Gideon is seeking a sign from God. The lyrics from the song last weekend said, "Lord I'm turning to you, not turning away, as fear still knocks at my door. As my feelings still question the words that you say, I'm seeking you even more. So Lord, if you wouldn't mind, please give me a sign?"

What emotions are behind your request for a sign from God?

Spend some time in prayer today thanking God that you can be honest with Him. Talk with Him about your fears and hesitations. Pray that you will draw strength, hope and courage from God's past faithfulness to Gideon and you!

Thursday

Please read Judges 7:1-8a. Why do you think God wanted to reduce the army's size?



Memory Verse

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song." *Psalm 28:7 (NIV)*