

Encounter these verses today:

(circle) words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Judges 6:7-12 [NIV] :: The Call of Gideon ::

⁷ When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁹ I snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰ I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

¹¹ The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

Judges 7:33-40 [NIV] :: Gideon Defeats the Midianites ::

¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.' "

¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" ²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²² When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath. ²³ Israelites from Naphtali, Asher and all Manasseh were called out, and they pursued the Midianites.



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 7.05.2010

Reading: Judges 6:12

Thinking about our message from Sunday, what would it feel like to be found in total fear and be called a "mighty warrior?"

Think about it:

Do you feel like God believes in you like this? Can you hear him speaking to you with that kind of confidence?

Pray for: *Families: Faith & Flint*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 7.06.2010

Reading: Judges 8:22-27

Gideon was the "big man" in Israel. He could have asked for anything and it would have been his. As this scene unfolds, he rightfully pushes away such power ... but then quickly has a flaw in his judgment regarding the ephod.

Think about it:

How do you make decisions under pressure? Can you see God's best for you?

Pray for: *Families: Fonger & Freeman*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 7.07.2010

Reading: James 1:1-18

This Sunday, we begin a new study in the book of James. This New Testament letter is filled with great wisdom and practical teaching.

Think about it:

Living by faith is easier said than done. What stands out in our reading today that is an area to improve?

Pray for: *Families: Frye & Gagne*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 7.08.2010

Reading: James 1:19-26

We'll be talking about the power of faith in our lives this Sunday. As you read the text today, what stands out to you about how faith translates into action?

Think about it:

What action steps do you need to put into motion today in order to live a life of deeper faith.

Pray for: *Families: Goad & Goad*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 7.09.2010

Reading: James 2:1-13

Equal ground. James calls us to remember that no one in the Kingdom is better than the other. In God's eyes, there is no rich, no poor, no smart, no dumb. We all have equal value and we should all equally value each other.

Think about it:

When you meet people, how easy do you find it to begin to place them in a certain box or category?

Pray for: *Families: Graves & Hammond*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 7.10.2010

Reading: James 2:14-26

The relationship between faith and deeds is interesting. Without each other, they are equally no good. But when they work together, nothing can get in their way.

Think about it:

When is the last time that you took a step of faith? ... when God was calling you to do something that required true faith and trust in His divine plan?

Pray for: *Families: Harris & Harris*

Reflections: _____

