



*Passionately Following Jesus Together*

## GIDEON

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### STARTING THE CONVERSATION

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**Are you the type of person who is comfortable with risk? Why or why not? Are there certain areas of life in which you are more comfortable with risk than others?**

The Book of Judges vividly depicts the wicked condition of Israel that resulted from failing to recognize the Lord as King and seek His guidance. Despite Israel's unfaithfulness and Gideon's initial fear, God called and encouraged Gideon to deliver His people.

**Read Judges 6:1-6; 2:1-4, 8-12; 7:1-8, 12-21**

### DIGGING DEEPER

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**Unpack the Biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic and how the truths from the Bible apply to our lives.**

1. How would you describe the spiritual climate of Israel like before Gideon came on the scene?
2. What is striking about how Judges 2:11-13 discuss the Israelites' sin? How does this depiction serve as a warning today?
3. Do you consider events today such as defeat by an enemy, natural disasters, or infectious diseases to be forms of God's temporal judgment? Why or why not?
4. How did God encourage and strengthen Gideon for the task He had called him to perform? What are some things you need to remind yourself are true about God in order to take on the things He asks you to do?
5. How does the story of Gideon's victory relate to you in your life?

### LIVING IT OUT

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1. What are the reasons you have, at times, doubted God's purpose in your life like Gideon? What is God able to do in His power to overcome your weakness? What promises has He given you in Scripture?
2. What is God calling you to do right now that makes you nervous?