

Bible Study on Judges
JUDGES 6:1-32: THE LORD CALLS GIDEON TO SERVICE

- 1. Judges 6.1-6. Israel's idolatry leads to oppression once again**

- 2. Judges 6.7-10. God sends a prophet to rebuke His people**

- 3. Judges 6.11-24. The Angel of the LORD calls Gideon to deliver His people**

- 4. Judges 6.25-32. Gideon tears down his father's altar to Baal**

APPLICATION

- Gideon's struggle is the believer's struggle to believe God when things are bad. We need to read our circumstances in the light of God's revealed Word. He promised, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you' (Heb. 13:5). This is true during our worst days on earth as well as on our best days.
- God chooses to demonstrate His strength through our weakness (1 Cor. 1:26-27; 2 Cor. 12:9)
- Gideon is listed in Hebrews 11:32 (also Barak), as a godly example to follow, because despite his weakness and initial reluctance to do as God commanded, he stepped out in faith. So, we too should go forth to accomplish all God has called us to do – which sometimes calls us to stand up against our family (Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:28; John 12:43). "Is the fear of men keeping us from doing what is right this day? Let us pray that God would give us the courage to follow Him" (Schwab).
- God does not call us to a particular task in the same way He called Gideon, but God always makes it clear what He is leading us to do in life. He stays after us, and we cannot miss his plan for our lives. We just need to focus each day on being faithful to Him.