

Message Outline

Gideon—Part 1

Judges 6-7



Intro: Series on Judges...and how to live in dysfunctional days!

- Last week: leadership/willingness in society, wisdom for leading/following, and Christian gender values...
- Today, Gideon's rise to prominence...

Read: Judges 6-7

6:1—The cycle strikes again...

v.2—How bad is life when people flee homes and live in dens, mountains, and caves?!!

v.3-6—Amalekites and Midianite practices...

v.7-10—Part of God's answer is reminding them their story...

v.11-12—Angel of the Lord, beating wheat, and comments of courage...

v.13—Gideon's "why's" and "where's"...

v.14—God's plan includes Gideon!

v.15-18—Excuses and asking for evidences...

v.19-24—Gideon's first sign...

v.25-32—Dealing with idols before the deliverance...

v.33-40—Gideon's second sign...the fleece.

7:1-8—God's plan to save with small numbers.

v.9-15—The third sign...

- Gideon's reaction is to worship (v.15).

v.16-23—The battle and beatdown...

Lessons from Gideon's Life—Part 1

1) _____ 6:25-32

- Getting rid of idols before getting rid of Midian...

2) _____ 6:33-40

- Gideon requests signs (v6:17, 36ff., 7:9ff.).
- Jesus on signs (cf. Mt.16:4, 4:7)...
- Spirit's leading and signs of God...

3) _____ 7:7

- God's changing battle plans...last week 10,000 w/ Deborah, this week 300 w/ Gideon.