

Lessons from the Judges

Life-Link Week #5

“Gideon”

Is weakness a good thing or a bad thing?

Setting: Judges 6:1-10

- Again, we find Israel doing evil in the sight of the LORD
- Israel and Midian have a history together
 - o Midian is of the line of Abraham (Genesis 25)
 - o Midian plays a huge part in enticing Israel to sin before God (Numbers 22 and 25).
 - o Partial obedience is disobedience, and disobedience to God impacts future generations.
- The LORD’s rebuke reveals that Israel’s “crying out” was not over their sin (vs 8-10)

Weak Warrior (6:11-40)

- Weakness by doubting God’s _____ (11-12)
- Weakness by doubting God’s _____ (14-15)
 - o Vs 14 “Lord” (Adonai) used instead of YHWH (LORD)

Promise of who the LORD is:

- The LORD is _____ (6:16)
- The LORD is _____ (6:23)

- Weak by _____ (25-35)
 - o Jerubbaal – let Baal _____ for himself
 - o Gideon – from the root “gadah” which means to “_____, scatter; cut to pieces, fell”
- Weak by doubting God’s _____ (6:36-40)
 - o Term “as you have said” repeated twice in 36-37
 - o He disobeyed God’s word by testing Him
 - Vs 39 “_____” – same word as in Deuteronomy 6:16

Winning (7:1-8:22)

- God is _____ for himself. (“jerubbaal” contrasted with God contending in 7:2)
- Waning the _____ and winning the battle

_____ (8:23-28)

- He resists being king, but then lived like a king (plunder, idolatry, wives)

Questions:

- Why do people reject acknowledging that they need the LORD?
- What are the common names that we contend for today?
- Can we contend for our own name while seemingly contending for God's name? If so, how?

“Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. – Judges 2:11-12