

# Read Through The Bible

Week 19 - June 9-15, 2024

Judges 6-17; John 5:16-8:11; Palms 57:7-60:4, Proverbs 11:19-12:7

## Icebreaker

- What is an example of something you did that you didn't think you could do?
- What is your favorite food? OR if you could only eat one thing for a month, what would it be?
- What is an example of when you or someone you know did something that was against the rules just because you didn't think it was a good rule?
- Who is the greatest leader you have ever seen?

## Step 1 - GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading this week?

Where did you see God in your daily life?

## Step 2: GET FED

### Judges

**Judges 6:14-16** 14 And the LORD turned to him [Gideon] and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" 15 And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel?

**Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."** 16 And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."

Do we use the same excuse as Gideon, that we are too weak or we can't do that? Has God promised to be with us? What verses can you think of that would help in this situation?

**Judges 10:13-14** 13 Yet you have forsaken me and served other gods; therefore I will save you no more. 14 **Go and cry out to the gods whom you have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress."**

What gods have we chosen? Can they save us in times of trouble? Will they save us?

**Judges 13:24-25** 24 And the woman bore a son and called his name **Samson**. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Reading the story of Samson, does he seem a likely leader? Do you think you would have chosen him as a leader? What can one do if God blesses, and the Spirit is in them?

**Judges 17:6** 6 In those days there was no king in Israel. **Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.**

Does it seem that the world is like this today? What do many view as authority? What should be our authority?

### John

**John 6:14** 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

What did it take for the people to believe? What does it take for us to believe today? Have we seen the sign and believed?

**John 6:32-36, 51** 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

35 *Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.* 36 *But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.*

51 *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.*

Are we eating the bread of life? Do we believe or are we like the Jews who still do not believe after all they have seen? If we do not believe yet, what will it take for us to believe?

**John 6:66-69** 66 *After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.* 67 *So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”* 68 *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”*

“To whom shall we go?” Have we answered this for ourselves? Have we come to know Jesus is the Holy One of God? Are we still depending on ourselves or others or power or money or...?

**John 7:45-46** 45 *The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”* 46 *The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”*

“No one ever spoke like this man!” How true! Who were the perceptive ones in this case, the officers or the Pharisees? When we read the words of God, do we have the same reaction? What is our belief about the word of God?

### **Psalms**

**Psalm 59:1-2, 16-17** 1 *Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; 2 deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men....* 16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.* 17 *O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.*

David definitely know his deliverer and fortress and strength. Do we know these also? Do we sing of God’s strength, deliverance, and steadfast love? Do we sing aloud? Do we tell others of His love?

### **Proverbs**

**Proverbs 11** is what many think of when they think of a proverb. Many single verses giving a wise saying. Which of these sayings caught your attention? Which is most applicable to you? Which most applies to the world?

**Proverb 12:1** 1 *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*

Which one describes you?

### **Step 3: GET ACTIVE**

- What has God asked you to do, like Gideon, that you do not think you can do? Ask God for help.
- What bread are you eating? Make a plan to partake of the bread of life.
- Many of Christ’s disciples turned back at some of His hard sayings. Identify the hardest saying for you and meditate on what it means for your life and how you can embrace it.

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