

Good Morning!

Connection Cards in the bulletin

Starting Point Class

Today after service! – Lunch Provided



ADVENTURE'S 6TH ANNUAL HARVEST PARTY COOKOFF!

Sunday October 4th @ 4:30pm

Cooking Competition/Prizes

Games/Community





Men's Retreat Oct 23rd-25th

Register on our Website



CHARACTER OVER KINGDOM



Women's Bible Study

October 15th
at 6:30pm



A blacksmith is forging a piece of metal in a furnace. The furnace is filled with bright orange and yellow flames. Sparks are flying out of the furnace, creating a shower of light. The background is dark and industrial, with various metal parts and tools visible.

Character

forged in fire

Character Trait

Resolve (Nehemiah)



Character Trait

Loyalty (Ruth)



Character Trait

Integrity (Daniel)

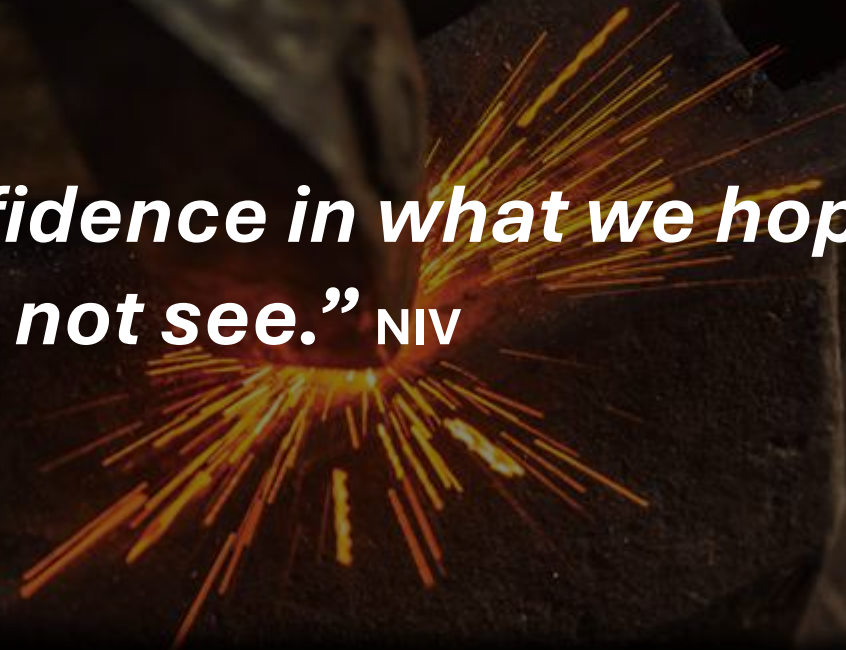


Faith

Faith: belief and trust in and loyalty to God. (Merriam Webster)

Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” NIV



Gideon's Journey of Faith



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Judges 6:1 “The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.” NIV

Judges 6:12–13 “When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, **“The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”** ¹³“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.” NIV

Judges 6:14–16 “The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”
¹⁵“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” ¹⁶The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.” NIV

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Judges 6:33 Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel. NIV

Judges 6:36–38 Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” ³⁸ And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. NIV

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Judges 7:13-15 Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed." ¹⁴ His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands." ¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands." NIV

Lessons from Gideon's Faith

- God is patient in developing our faith
- There comes a time for action

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What fleece are you holding out? Is the fleece warranted or is it time to step forward in faith?

What is something you are engaged in currently that requires God to show up? Where is faith needed most in your life right now?

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