

Bible Study Worksheet: Gideon – A Hero of Faith

Text: Hebrews 11:32-34; Judges 6-8

Focus Verse: “What more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon...” – Hebrews 11:32 (NIV)

Overview of Study

Gideon lived during a time when Israel had turned from God and fallen under the oppression of the Midianites. Though his own father led idol worship, Gideon answered God's call, tore down false altars, and trusted God's plan to save Israel—even when it meant facing an army of 135,000 with only 300 men. His life teaches us the power of obedience, discernment, and radical trust in God's plan.

Key Points

1. **Gideon Followed God When No One Else Did**
 - Gideon tore down his father's altar to Baal and rebuilt an altar to God.
 - He obeyed God despite cultural pressure and fear of punishment.
 2. **Gideon Sought Clarity and Confirmation from God**
 - He used the fleece test not out of doubt, but to ensure he understood God's call.
 - God was patient and provided reassurance, showing He honors a heart willing to obey.
 3. **God Uses Us According to His Plan, Not Our Expectations**
 - God reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300 to show the victory was His alone.
 - Each person played a role: some fought, some pursued, some blocked the retreat.
 4. **Gideon Gave God the Glory**
 - When offered kingship, Gideon refused, declaring that God alone is King.
 - His humility, though imperfect, pointed Israel back to worship of God.
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Reflective Questions

- Do I trust God even when I'm the only one standing for what is right?
 - When seeking God's will, do I listen for His clarity or rush into action?
 - Am I content with the role God has for me, even if it doesn't look glamorous?
 - Have I taken credit for things God has done in my life?
 - How do I respond when God calls me to take a step that doesn't make worldly sense?
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Action Steps

1. **Tear Down a "Modern Baal"**
Identify one idol or distraction in your life and commit to removing it this week.
 2. **Ask for Clarity**
Pray for specific guidance in a current decision and listen patiently for God's direction.
 3. **Serve Faithfully Where You Are**
Focus on doing your current role with excellence, trusting that it matters in God's plan.
 4. **Give God the Credit**
Publicly acknowledge a victory or blessing in your life as something God did.
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Conclusion

Gideon's story is not about personal strength, but about obedience and trust. When we follow God's leading, even when it makes no earthly sense, He does the impossible through us. Like Gideon, we are called to step forward in faith, listen closely to God's voice, and point all glory back to Him. That's what it means to be a true hero of faith.

Key Thought: God isn't looking for the strongest. He's looking for the surrendered.