

“Heroes Of The Faith” – GIDEON

INTRODUCTION: Hebrews 11:32

- **“HERO”** – *“An ordinary person who does extra-ordinary things in extra-ordinary circumstances.”*

Judges 6:1-2 – A famine ... Midianites raiding Jewish crops.

6:11 – We meet our “hero” ... hiding in a wine-press.

6:12 – **“mighty man of valor”** - God has a sense of humor!

- The key to living up to God’s expectation of you ... **6:10**

6:13 – **“O my lord”** – We need to know Him as **“Lord”**.

- Gideon is asking God ... **“Why?”** Ever asked God that?

6:14 – Gideon is just to OBEY ... not in HIS “might”, but in GOD’S “might” ... God has sent Gideon.

6:15 – **“O my Lord”** – Gideon recognizes Who he’s talking to.

- Gideon gives his excuses ... and he’s RIGHT!

- God only uses weak, cracked vessels – 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

6:16 – All we need is God’s presence and power in our life.

6:25 – Gideon has to *“clean his own house”* FIRST.

6:27 – God wants to put His strength on display, not Gideon’s.

6:36 , 37-38 – God encourages Gideon ... he already knew God’s will.

6:39-40 – The fleece was a *“1-time”* experience, not to be repeated.

Gideon summons 32,00 Jews ... out-numbered 4-1.

- God wants to prove Zechariah 4:6.

7:3 – God *“thins out”* the troops – **7:5-6**

- God wanted the *“credit”* for the victory – 2 Corinthians 4:7

7:13-14 – Gideon needs another dose of encouragement – **7:15**

7:18 – The battle plan – GOD was the only *“sword”* they would need.

7:19 – **“middle watch”** = 10 PM-2 AM.

7:20-21 – They didn’t have to attack ... just watch God work.

7:22 – The victory belonged to God, not to them.

CONCLUSION:

- God uses weak, earthen vessels.

- God’s strength is seen when He uses a weak vessel.

- We have to look to God for strength in the Christian life.

- GOD ... is a big, strong, mighty GOD.