

## **Gideon: the Unlikely Hero** *Judges 6:1-24*

### Homework

#### **Getting Started**

Who do you consider to be America's greatest leader? What made him or her great?

#### **Going Deeper - Read Judges 6:1-24**

1. What was the national crisis during the time of Gideon?
  
2. Before God called Gideon, how did the nation of Israel deal with the crisis?
  
3. When crisis hits, what is wrong or right with these responses?
  - a. Run for cover until it passes
  
  - b. Look for someone to blame
  
  - c. Deny it
  
  - d. Look within
  
  - e. Patiently trust God to take you through it
  
4. What did the prophet reveal about why Israel was in a state of crisis? See vss. 7-10
  
5. What history did the prophet point to that made Israel rethink their relationship with God? Why is it important that we keep a clear record of past blessings from God?
  
6. What possible dire consequences might happen to believers today who forget God and wander away?

7. What's your opinion? Do you think Israel was really repentant when they cried to the Lord or where they just sick of their circumstances?
8. What is significant about where Gideon was when the angel of the Lord appeared to him?
9. Who is the Angel of the Lord? What clues in the text point to your conclusion?
10. What was so peculiar about the greeting of the angel? What was reassuring?
11. Gideon questioned the Lord asking why they were in such a mess if the Lord was with them. Did Gideon have it right?
12. Have you ever blamed God when you were in a crisis? Did God blame Gideon back or lift him out of the crisis? What can we learn from that?
13. Why did Gideon question the Lord's wisdom in selecting him to deliver Israel from the Midianites?
14. Are we subject to the same feelings of inferiority and inadequacy?
15. How did the Lord answer Gideon's reluctance because he felt inadequate?

### **Growing Stronger**

1. In verse 14 the Lord gave Gideon a prophetic sign that was humanly impossible. What was it? See another translation other than the NIV.
2. What did the Lord do with the offering that Gideon gave to Him? Do you think it was all Gideon had?
3. How did the Lord make that offering a sign of His presence and power?
4. Read Romans 12:1-2. What offering are we called to give to the Lord today?
5. What did Gideon name the altar? Why is that significant to you?

**Getting Together**

Pray audibly for one another's needs realizing that this is part of being in fellowship with God and one another.