

# THE BOOK OF JUDGES

ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF THE JUDGES  
1380-1050 B.C.

## JUDGES CHAPTER 6:33-40

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "USING YOUR FAITH"

*ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATION*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Faith, Ministry, Witness, Impossible, Possible**

**Introduction to the Text;**

**Judges 6:33-40**

**Statement of Textual Summation and Theme**

## The Issue of Faith is The All Important Topic in Our World

### James 2:17-20

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. :18 ¶ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. :19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! :20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

### Ephesians 6:16

above all, (above all of our defensive weapons) taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

### Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

The Book of Hebrews Provides a List of Men  
and Women  
who were mighty in, by, with, faith.

## But They Were Just Like Us

### Hebrews 11:32-34

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: :33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, :34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

### Judges 6:33-35

Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. :34 ***But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon;*** then he blew the trumpet, and the A-bez-rites **gathered** behind him. :35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also **gathered** behind him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

### Judges 6:36-37

So Gideon said to God, “***If (since) You will save Israel by my hand as You have said — :37 look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.***”

### Judges 6:38-40

And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. :39 Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew.” :40 And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

## USING YOUR FAITH

1.) ***Is applying faith to the word of the Lord v. 33-35***

## APPLYING FAITH TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

1a.) ***To believe in Him when He speaks***

### Judges 6:33-35

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Church Remember This ;

Gideon went from threshing wheat while hiding in winepress  
to standing up and blowing a trumpet

### God's Word is sure

immovable and steadfast. It's all powerful and blessed of God.

### Jude 20

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith,  
(building up = stack, mount, lay up one atop the other)

These would be "Faith Events" in Your Life

### Romans 10:17

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## APPLYING FAITH TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

**1b.) To *obey* Him in what He has asked**

then he blew the trumpet, and the A-biaz-rites **gathered** behind him. :35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh (Gideon's tribe and people)

## An Oft Misunderstood Verse

### Matthew 17:20

for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move;  
and nothing will be impossible for you.

**(if the Lord is leading you to move mountains, move em')**

faith is not used to do what we want,  
it's used to enable us to do what God wants

### Hebrews 5:12-14

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. :13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. :14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who **by reason of use** have their senses **exercised** to discern both good and evil.

## APPLYING FAITH TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

### 1c.) *To rest in what He has said*

... all Manasseh...  
who also **gathered** *behind him*. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them.

Christian, You Can Count on The Lord  
Being Mighty in Your Life, if Your Life is  
a Life of Faith.

## You Can Rest Because;

1. Your Faith will be Honoring to God
2. It Will Be Real Biblical Faith
3. You Can Know That You Can Live by Chapter and Verse

### Joshua 1:1-10

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: :2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. :3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. :4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. :5 No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. :6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. :7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you :8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. :9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go." :10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

## USING YOUR FAITH

2.) *Is making sure it is of the Lord*

v.36-37

## MAKING SURE IT IS OF THE LORD

2a.) *We must prayerfully seek Him*

### Judges 6:36-37

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when the Lord begins to *awaken hearts and minds*  
there comes a desperation, a soul stirring

# There's a Stretching That Takes Place

**Matthew 7:7-8**

**"Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you. :8 For everyone who **asks** receives, and he who **seeks** finds, and to him who **knocks** it will be opened.

Christian, Stop for a Moment;  
what is the Lord telling you to do?

But Pastor Jack Hibbs I Haven't  
Heard From The Lord Lately -  
did you really ask Him anything?

Russia, Germany, Cal Poly, Evangelism...

**2 Thessalonians 3:1**

brethren, pray for us, **that the word of the Lord may run  
swiftly and be glorified**, just as *it is* with you,

## MAKING SURE IT IS OF THE LORD

**2b.) We must *willingly* engage ourselves**

Dear Christian Listen;  
If there ever comes a day when a church  
or the church needs Motivational  
Speakers to get it to love Jesus -  
***then the end is near !!!***

as a Christian,  
we're to be  
motivated by the  
cause of Christ.

What **motivated** Jesus to Come to Earth ?

**Hebrews 12:2-3**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. :3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

**Isaiah 53:11**

He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

**MAKING SURE IT IS OF THE LORD**

**2c.) We must *actively* serve Him**

**v.37**

then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, *as You have said.*"

**If (*since*) the Lord has Spoken**

**what has happened to you, with you, by you ?**

**Romans 12:1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

# can we pretend for a moment?

let's pretend that you and I have 10 days to pray and seek the Lord to determine what is it that He would have each of us to do.

could you do that? // would  
you do that?

## USING YOUR FAITH

**3.) Is *confirming* the will of the Lord v. 38-40**

**3a.) The Lord will be *clear* v.38**

And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.

Our Confidence in God will rise even in the  
face of opposition

how can we "**Get Confirmation**" in  
troubling times

**Do You Have Confirmation / Confidence  
in the direction that you're going tonight?**

a **bowful** of water.

**The Lord is More than able to make the Path clear**



## CONFIRMING HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

**3b.) The Lord will be *patient***

**v.39**

Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew

**He is Patient**

He is encouraging and He is fathering...

**Notice That Gideon Didn't Sit Idle**

This Kind of Caution, Blesses The Lord  
because the Lord knows that Gideon is going to Act.

Like a Parent with a Child at The Doctors Office – *shot time !*

## CONFIRMING HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES

**3c.) The Lord will be *gracious***

**v.40**

And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only,  
but there was dew on all the ground.

**The Graciousness of God**

**USING YOUR FAITH**

**is the greatest thing that you can do here on earth.**

**how will others be blessed by you unless  
you get out there in faith?**

**There is "That Something" that you in this life are called to be  
like Gideon - - what is it for you?**

by faith there are **children** being fed in in north Africa.  
by faith there are **missionaries** being supported.  
by faith a mother brings a **newborn** child into his world.  
by faith **marriage** make it thru the hard times.  
by faith children pray for **mom** and **dad**.  
by faith, every month this **pastor** continues

## If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.

Come On Up Here  
Right Now

*End of Study*