

# STRONGMEN AND Legacy Makers

## Gideon (Part 2)...Confidence for Action! ...Judges 6-8

*"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD." ...Lamentations 3:21-26 (ESV)*

### Words of Wisdom

- "Remember, you are not a tree, that can live or stand alone. You are only a branch. And it is only while you abide in Christ, as the branch in the vine, that you will flourish or even live." ~ Robert Murray M'Cheyne
- "God has given us His Word to assure us of our relationship with Him so that we may walk as Christians with confidence, knowing that our salvation is in Him." ~ David Jeremiah
- "The choices that you make with your family today will determine the quality of life in your family tree for generations to come." ~ Steve Farrar

### 1. Seeking Confirmation from the Lord... "Laying a Fleece"!

Scripture: [Judges 6:36-40](#)

### 2. Influenced by the Good or the Bad... Letting God Choose what's Best!

Scripture: [Judges 7:1-7](#)

### 3. God Blesses Our Obedience... Trusting God to Increase our Confidence!

Scripture: [Judges 7:8-25](#)

### 4. Never Stand-Down... Finishing Strong!

Scripture: [Judges 8](#)

## Group Discussion

1. We read a unique story in *Judges 6:36-40* how Gideon sought confirmation from the Lord regarding what the Lord had called him to do...often now referred to as a "Fleece". The Lord knows of our own insecurities and lack of confidence or understanding...

- How does this differ from actually doubting the Lord?
- How can we rightly seek confidence or understanding in what the Lord is speaking to us today, while not doubting His word or His character? What would a "fleece" look like in your own life?

2. We are all influenced by things in our lives, and we are most influenced by whatever we give most of our attention to...primarily in these 3 areas in our life:

- Who you choose to spend time with...
- What books you read...
- The media and instruction/teaching you choose to watch/listen to the most...

Considering these 3 categories, *Who* (what people) and *What* (sources) are you choosing to be most influenced by in your own life? What needs to be removed from your life?

3. READ *Judges 7:4-7* together... All of the men mentioned were brave warriors who were willing to fight in spite of overwhelming odds...Men who responded courageously to the "Call to Action"...

- Why do you think God selected only 300 men out of the 10,000 who remained?
- What seemed to be different about the 300 men?

4. What stood out the most to you from tonight's message and/or discussion that you can apply to your life today?

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS *(if there's time!)*

1. How can we best respond (what should our attitude be) when we are not selected/chosen for the service we are willing to do?
2. How can we effectively "Course-Correct" when we realize the need for change, growth, and improvement in our lives?

## Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer *(Relationship)*
- God's Word *(Knowledge and Understanding)*
- Worship *(Adoration)*
- Fellowship *(Encouragement and Accountability)*
- Service *(Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)*