

Weekly Devotional

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Session 8 – A Few Good Men and Women

"How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."
Judges 6:15

Have you ever had to own up for something you did wrong? We have all had to come face-to-face with an authority and own up to what we've done wrong.

God's people kept putting themselves into a never ending cycle of disobedience, discipline, declaration of wrong, and deliverance. Judges like Deborah and Gideon and Samson helped them find their way back to God.

Are you making the same mistakes they made? If so, you have a judge that can help you—Jesus. The good news is that when he "calls" you into his office after you've messed up, you will look up to see your judge's face and see your savior there.

Read Ch. 8 in The Story book or in your Bible: **Judges 2:7-22; 3:7-11; 4:1-24; 6:1-10, 11-24, 33-40; 7:1-25; 8:28, 33-34; 13:1-5, 24-25; 14:1-16, 31.**

Think on these questions:

1. What do these passages tell us about GOD? (Who is God? What is God like? What has God done?)
2. What do these passages tell us about US (Human Beings)? (What/how are we supposed to be? What has gone wrong?)
3. What do these passages tell us about HOW WE SHOULD LIVE? (What has God done about what has gone wrong? What does He expect of us? How should we live?)

Closing Prayer:

As you take time to pray, here are some ideas to get you started:

- Confess the tendency we have to forget the great things God has done in the past. Ask him to help you remember his faithfulness each day.
- Give special praise to God for sending us our Savior. Jesus the one who came to offer us final and absolute deliverance.
- Tell God that you are ready to follow him and seek to do his will, even when you feel inadequate for the task.

Personal Action:

Are there any patterns of rebellion and struggle in your life? What does your personal life pattern look like when it comes to sin and wandering from God? What is one step you can take to begin to break the pattern?

Next Session: Please read ch 9 of The Story, "The Faith of a Foreign Woman."