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“Gideon – the Lord’s Mighty Warrior”

Main text: Judges 6:1 – 8:35

Purpose: to help followers of Christ trust God more fully with every aspect of their daily lives.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read Judges 6:7-10. What reason did God give through the prophet for allowing the Midianite invasion? Does this mean that every time we suffer it is because of our own disobedience to God’s commands? Discuss the implications of this truth for Christians.

- 2) Read Judges 6:11-24. Why was Gideon threshing wheat in a winepress? How is this in conflict with the title used by the angel of the Lord for Gideon? What is Gideon’s response to the angel?

- 3) Discuss a time when you have been discouraged in your Christian walk and felt like the Lord may have abandoned you. What are some of the means God has provided to overcome these trials?

- 4) Who is the angel of the Lord? Why was Gideon concerned that he had seen His face? What is Lord’s response to Gideon? How has God made peace with us today?

- 5) Read Judges 6:25-32. Why was Gideon afraid of the reaction of the people to his tearing down the altar to Baal? What are some idols people place their trust in today? What would God have us do with those idols?

- 6) Read Judges 6:33-40. Why do you think Gideon asked God for these signs? Was asking for these signs a sin? Why/why not?

- 7) Read Judges 7:1-23. What is Gideon’s response to overhearing the dream? What are some things God has brought into our lives that should cause us to worship Him? Why don’t they?

Questions for children:

- 1) Do you think God's promises to Gideon still apply to us today? Why/why not?

- 2) When are you tempted not to trust God? How can God help us overcome these temptations?