

Emmanuel Prayer List January 2022

Nigeria - Rick and Martha Bradford - Serving In Mission

- . Urgent prayer is needed for the local Community where the mission is located as violent robberies have occurred.
- . Pray for God's protection/safety for the people in the area.
- . The many families who lost loved ones and experienced damage to homes and buildings.
- . May Rick's mission be a beacon of light and hope for the community.
- . Praise God for all of the ten missionaries who are unharmed.
- . Pray for God's courage and strength of the leaders through this crisis.

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11. Read Judges 6:28-31. What was the reaction of the towns people?
What was the reaction of Gideon's father?

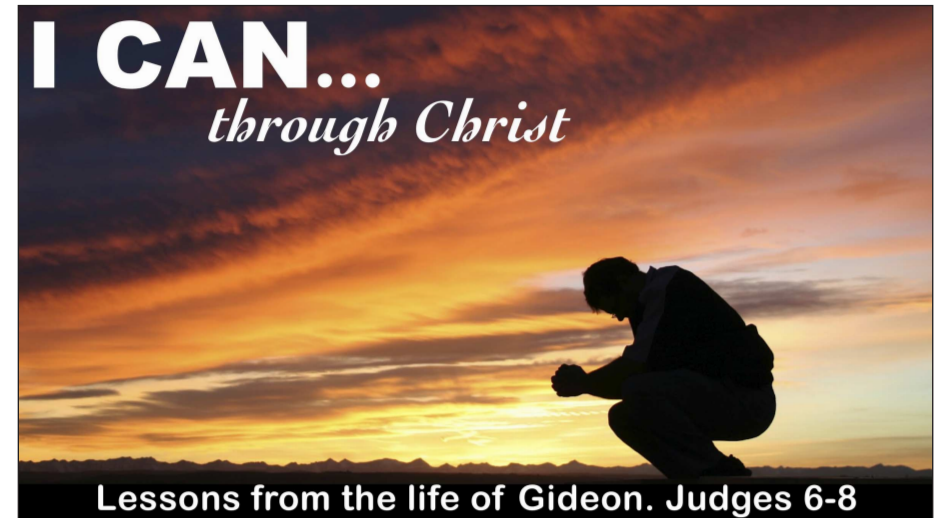
Even though the altar to Baal, and the Asherah pole, were on Joash's property, do you think that maybe Joash and his family were maybe reluctant followers of Baal, since he was so quick to turn against Baal?

12. Gideon's new found faith had a profound affect on the lives of other people. It caused some to get very angry, and some to want that same faith. How do you see that happening in today's society - maybe even in your own family.
13. Is there anything in your own life that you need to tear down, and be rid of? What is the pressure that you find yourself coming up against when you think about making those kind of changes?

Louis Berkhof

Dutch-American theologian
1873-1957

"Wherever there is true faith, there is also real repentance. The two are but different aspects of the same turning - a turning away from sin in the direction of God. The two cannot be separated."



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

1. Knowing God - Learning to live by faith
2. The Lord is Peace - Shut the door on sin
3. Recognising God's call on your life
4. The importance of doing God's will, God's way
5. Learning to trust God in difficult circumstances
6. Being faithful to the end

The Lord is Peace - Shut the door on sin

We can only know true peace when...

PEACE IS FOUND IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Background:

v.17-18 Gideon wanted _____

v.22-23 What did Gideon think would happen to him when he realised that he had seen the, 'angel of the Lord face to face'?

Gideon got his assurance and built an altar to God and called it:

What sign has God given us (Also read Matthew 16:1-4)?

How does God give us assurance that we are children of God?

1. (Rom 10:17)
2. (Rom 8:16)
3. (Phil 1:6)

God gave Gideon peace. What does Jesus promise us in John 14:27?

- a. Peace is a _____ from God
- b. Jesus is the cure for a _____ heart

IN ORDER TO STAY AT PEACE WITH GOD, WE MUST _____

What was the first thing that Gideon told to do (v.25-26)?

Why was Gideon afraid? (v.27)

Is there anything that you need to get rid of in your life?

v.28-31 How did Gideon's actions affect:

- The towns people?
- His family?

1. When you think about knowing the peace of God, what does that mean to you?
2. Read Judges 6:17-18. Why do you think Gideon wanted a sign? Have you ever felt like that? How have you come to an assurance that you are truly a follower of Jesus?
3. Peter gave three ways that God gives us an assurance of our faith. What are they? (see notes opposite). How has God used these evidences in your life?
4. Read verses 22-24. Why was Gideon afraid (see Exodus 33:20)? Why do you think Gideon built an altar and called it, 'Jehovah Shalom'?
5. Read John 14:27 and John 16:33. In what way is the peace of God a gift to us?

Why do you think Philippians 4:7 calls it a peace that passes all understanding?

Imagine you are talking to a non Christian, how would you explain the peace of God to them?
6. Read Judges 6:25-26. Why do you think this is the first instruction that God gives to Gideon, before he can use him to rescue the people from the Midianites? Explain.
7. Why is worshipping other gods, idols, so bad? (Also read Exodus 20:1-6)

Why do you think people so often fall into the trap of putting their trust in things other than God?
8. What is an idol?

Do you think that we worship idols in this day and age?
9. Read verse 27. Why did Gideon go at night? What do you think was going through the minds of the ten servants that were with him?
10. Peer pressure is very real. Not just with young people in school, but all of us. Have you ever found yourself doing something that you wouldn't normally do, just because you are with others that live that way?

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