

# BY FAITH

## By Faith: Gideon Overcame Fear. Heb 11:32

REVIEW: What is Heb 11? This is a list of **Weak** Men – who learned to trust God.

**Gideon is in this list to show you that FAITH will overcome Fear!** We first meet Gideon – **HIDING** in FEAR! Why?

### I. There is the sin problem in the nation of Israel.

1. We **hide** when we are in the grip of sin. **Gen 3:1-8**
2. Through faithlessness in God's Word, they are **delivered** into SIN.
3. We try to hide from the **wages (or penalty)** of sin. **Judges 6:1-6**

God **hates** sin, but He **loves** His people! **Prov 3:11-12**

### II. Sin **cuts** God's people **off** from His safety, provision and blessing.

- ▼ We are **NEVER strong enough** to handle the wages of sin by ourselves! **Judges 6:11-12**

The reason that any parent disciplines their children is so that they will **listen** to their word!

### III. Gideon's **Commissioning**. 1 Cor 1:26-29

- ▼ Gideon's **complaint**.
- ▼ God's people **MUST continue** in His Word! **John 8:31-32; Josh 1:6-8; Jud 6:15-16**
- ▼ **The result? Gideon believed on the God who was WITH HIM, and he began to do exploits for God!**  
**Dan 11:32b; Jud 6:25-32** If you will simply move forward in obeying God's Word in **SPITE OF YOUR FEAR**, your **FAITH WILL grow** along with your calling.  
Watch Gideon's growing faith. Because Gideon obeyed what he knew, God gives him more!
- ▼ **God called Gideon to raise an army!**  
The picture? You have a responsibility to recruit train and deploy others with you in the mission!  
(Picture: **DISIPLESHIP**. 2 Tim 2:1-4) **Part one: Finding the faithful. Judges 7:1-8**  
Why? 1 Cor 1:25-31!  
*Of the 32 thousand, 22 thousand left the cause!*
- ▼ **KEY: Fear kill faith. Luke 19:20-22; Heb 3:12; 10:38**  
Why did the 22 thousand have to go? The problem with cowards – they **multiply**. **Deut 20:8; Num 13:33**  
The fear that people carry is like a virus! It spreads!
- ▼ **Our problem, when we attribute to men the kind of power only GOD HAS! Isa 40:22**
- ▼ **Our solution? When we fear God alone we will not fear man.** **Psa 118:6; Pro 29:25**

**Don't you know that God will not use cowards?** 2 Tim 1:7

(Picture: **DISIPLESHIP**. 2 Tim 2:1-4) **Part two: Finding the FAITHFUL men. (vs 2-4)**

**FAITHFUL MEN:** Look for those that have their mind on the Lord's mission to serve the Lord with – verses – those with a mind to satisfy themselves. **Pro 20:6**

Gideon's faith overcame his fear and as we'll see next time – GOD WAS GREATLY GLORIFIED! **2 Chron 16:9a**