

WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT

Background Judges 6 (rather take notes flick through scripture) Look at you you're a bunch of wimps hiding out afraid to stand up & fight when you have already given up but you have a history of Gods deliverance Your fore fathers saw great miracles & He promised to deliver you too Yet you don't believe Him

v4 Midianites devastated land of produce livestock v7 got desperate cried out God v8 sent prophet Gideon v10 why do you fear enemy You have not obeyed me

OBEDIENCE = INHERITANCE

1 God uses people who know without God they will accomplish nothing I can do (nothing) all things through Christ who strengthens me Phil 4:13

V15 BUT least & youngest Gideon felt unworthy unfit unqualified 1 Cor:26 means feller one whose is called by God to fell the enemy

v12 MIGHTY Valiant WARRIOR

NICK declares victory over the people /MICK one who goes before conqueror

v11 Where was he in the winepress beating wheat (familiar/safe place) he needed courage called to deliver Israel out of oppression /enemy

Courage isn't absence fear it's knowing that when we step out God will meet us at the moment

COURAGE requires FAITH

The man who is intimate with God will never be intimidated by men

2 God confirms what he says He'll do Judges 6:17 I have found favor in Your sight – show me a sign v21-24 READ

3 Ministry always starts at home (get house in order) v25-27

God told Gideon (idols) I'm not going to deliver Israel until you get rid of the idols Get rid of them burn them destroy them v23 In midst persecution he had peace Promise if didn't fear he wouldn't die Fear not for I am with you Isa 41:10

In place idol there's an altar - a place where we meet with God

**4 How many confirmations do you need for God has spoken Judges 6:36-40
Angel/alive now fleece dry/wet twice SPECIFIC & IMMEDIATE Viv - wasn't going
see me working all hours said marry me then I would call in**

5 Numbers don't matter to God its whether they have character

**7:2 First group - proud 'look at us we delivered them'v3 Whoever is fearful &
afraid let him turn & depart 22,000 (Church growth) Fear is contagious
Gathered army**

**God saying us Who are afraid enemy I have promised you the enemy is
defeated he has no power over you for My power is greater than anything that
you'll encounter FEAR cancels FAITH**

**V5,6 Second group – knee or lap 10,000 gone (Not way fight enemy in
NATURAL) We try to fight our issues in our own strength in our ability not Gods
NO VICTORY**

**v7 Third Group 'I will give the Midianites into your hands' note s not Gideon It's
not how many that counts that ones left have a right heart, motive, desire There
the ones that enter into the promises God**

**6 God uses most extraordinary means to bring about victory no weapons
formed against me will prosper Isa 54:17 trumpet – declare victory pitcher –
broken in order to be useful torch – exposes light on darkness**

**Enemy was confusion & disarray God brought peace If God be for us who can
be against us Rom 8:31**

**7 After the victory we are most vulnerable 8:24,27 took spills made breastplate
Elijah – ran/David – hid Saul**

**Heb 12:1 lay aside every weight & the sin which so easily ensnares you the thief
comes steal kill & destroy you Jn 10:10**

He is a liar & the Father of lies Jn 8:44

Num 13/14 spies went into promised land 14:13 LIES 1 there are too many people in the land they are too strong 2 the cities are walled cities they are too high & impregnable 3 there are giants in the land & we are no match for them 7-8ft

Small remnant that believed & entered into the promises of God Mindset could be 1 small town 2 transcendent 3 people hard

Own Lies – God is not for me I'm too weak I'm a failure God can't forgive Me I'm not going anywhere in God

Devil can't destroy you that's a lie took Israelites 3 days after the crossing before grumbled & complained they questioned authority unbelieving generation died in the wilderness lives wasted

faith rises above fears satanic lies feelings circumstances & rest

1 Heb 11:6 without faith it's impossible to please God displeases God insult 'I don't trust you' failure of the heart to believe in the promises of God

2 Rom 14:23 everything that is not of faith is sin

3 Heb 3:12 Take care lest there be in any of you evil, *unbelieving hearts* leading you to fall away from the living God Heb 3:19 they were not able to enter (relationship Christ) because of unbelief

limits God Matt 13:58 He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief Mk 6:6 He wondered at their unbelief Heb 3:12

UNBELIEF is a sin of the heart It grieves the heart of God because it questions His faithfulness to us His people His people not accepting God's love for us Disciples in boat took eyes off Him looked to circumstances

How many of us believe the WOG quote it says it but do we believe it

unbelief is displaying a lack of total trust (fearful)

LEVELS OF FAITH

1 Little faith Matt 8:26 'you of little faith why are you afraid'

**2 Measure faith Rom 12:3 not the size its wither you use it or not
'each according to the measure of faith that God has given you'**

3 Great faith Matt 8:8-10 Centurion 'I tell you I have found anyone in Israel with such great faith'

4 Gift faith 1 Cor 12:9 'given another faith by the Spirit' Faith not visible evidence beyond reason totally illogical Heb 11: 8 Abraham went out not knowing where he was going

1 Rom 10:17 'faith comes from hearing WOG' Heb 11 single denominator faith was born out of relationship not feeling sight by based on WOG & HS Matt 7:26 hear word don't act on it God is who he says he is God will do what he says he will do I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me Gods word is truth & truth sets us free

2 Live by faith Rom 1:17 anything arises go God first You will live out of what you believe in your heart not what you think in your mind Faith is a lifestyle not a formula

3 Increase your faith Luke 17:5 heart cry/desire not content with little measure I want more

I choose to walk by faith not by sight or feeling

PRAYER FROM UNBELIEF Repent of unbelief /mindsets that are not aligned with Word of God

**Father God I come to you, and I acknowledge I haven't trusted in you & that Ive grieved your heart. I ask you to forgive me for the sin of unbelief for not believing your Word I come against every mindset, that seeks to control my mind, that is contrary to your Word. I repent of my unbelief. I stand upon Your Word that declares that I tear down arguments and every presumption that raises against the knowledge of God and I take captive every thought to make it obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ I ask that you to increase my faith & that by your Holy Spirit I choose to walk by faith in your truth that now sets me free
Amen**

Faith teachers' preachers' movements churches they describe faith as if it exists only for personal gain or meet one's self interest NAME it Claim it

SUPERNATURAL FAITH IN ORDER TO OPERATE IN THE GIFTS Faith is something that must be released You can possess faith but you must put it to use A muscle that isn't used gets weak & shrivels up If you don't use your faith then it's no different than not having any Abraham took God at his word Faith is believing what God says Heb 1:6 Total trust Matt 17:20 Faith is having complete trust/confidence in someone **FAITH IS SPELT RISK**

SEVEN CHURCHES = people OVERVIEW

Revelation 2:4 Ephesus But I have this you have abandoned your first love

v9 Smyrna I know your affliction and your poverty (though you are rich) I am aware of the slander of those who falsely claim to be Jews but are in fact a synagogue of Satan If any should lose it these out of tragedy comes triumph

v14 Pergamum I do have a few things against you Some of you are following the teachings of Balaam (false prophet) Long ago he told Balak (king of Moab to teach the people of Israel to eat food that had been offered to idols and to be immoral (curses Israel – knew succeeded weaken them easier prey)

v20 Thyatira I have this against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and she teaches & leads My people astray so that they commit acts of immorality (remnant in Church) & eat things sacrificed to idols

3:1 Sardis I know your works that you have a reputation for being alive but you are in fact dead

V8 Philadelphia I know your works I have put before you an open door (presence) which no one can shut because you have a little strength and have kept My Word & have not denied My name

V15,16 Laodicea I know your works that you are neither cold nor hot I wish you were cold or hot So because you are lukewarm & neither hot nor cold, I will sup you out of My mouth (sick)

Revelation was preached from these passages but only 2 out of 7 who say they are Christians will enter the Kingdom of God (Condition of our hearts)

Matt 7:13,14 Enter through the narrow gate (door) for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction and there are many who will enter through it For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life and there are few who find it

Coming back Bride – pure, sinless, without spot, unblemished, no wrinkles

Stop playing Church death blow to SIN idols (mobile phone, tv program, sport, person) immorality, control - charismatic witchcraft, worldly focus self, repent of loss of first love (First in morning – God or mobile, radio, everyday routine, kiss) repent & go back first love ie marriage – familiar, complacent, content, comfort & lukewarm = horrible drink (been there) food offered idols what you feed on see hear act on tv, radio, mobile

1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith & follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons

Be interested in eternal things not temporal (worldly) things

Duet 14:12 For you are a Holy people to the Lord your God & the Lord has chosen you to be a people for Himself a special treasure

For see your calling brethren that not many are wise according to the flesh not many mighty & not many noble (title) But God has chosen the things that the world regards as foolish in order to put its wise men to shame and God has chosen the things which the world regards as destitute (those that lack) of influence in order to put its powerful things to shame and the base (low) things of the world and things that are despised did God chose yea and the things that are not that he might bring to naught the things that are **1 Cor 1:26-28** (listen)

Intellectual /status in society /highly educated/ wise/ high & mighty (own strength) chosen - foolish/ lowly in society/ despised /those lack (worlds view

**not Gods) to bring shame to wise/bring influence thought there was no
hope/thought important is as naught /bring things that are Gods into being is
what we are called to do**