

# **Heroes of Faith**

Sunday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

Judges 6:12 "When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.' "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "But if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all the wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt? But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.'"

- **Gideon is so close to the situation, it's hard for him to see.**

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- **God's grace is made perfect in our weakness.**

Judges 6:12 "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **1. Eternity becomes visible through faith.**

- Faith is a telescope that allows us to see things that we can't see.
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 "We walk by faith, not by sight."

## **2. Nearsightedness must be constantly corrected.**

- The battle for your eyes is won through your ears.
- Romans 10:17 "So then faith comes hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

## **3. Seeing the invisible, YOU can do the impossible.**

- Pick up the telescope of faith and choose to believe what God says instead of what we see.