

# What's happening at Desert Breeze?

- **PHX RESCUE MISSION WATER BOTTLE DRIVE:** It is getting hot out! In June, we are having a water drive for the Phoenix Rescue Mission. Bring your cases of water to the church. Thanks!
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT:** It's time to get ready for Retreat!! **August 28-30, 2015.** Chapel Rock, Prescott! Register NOW with your \$50 Deposit at the Women's Ministry table!
- **GRIEF SHARE BREAK:** GriefShare is on a short break and will resume June 25<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to grieve alone – let us help you go from mourning to joy!
- **BUNCO:** Ladies – join us June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm in suite #106! Bring a snack to share!
- **KIDS/YOUTH CAMPS:** If you'd like to help send a youth to camp you can donate to the scholarship funds by marking your giving envelope with "Anomaly" OR "Kids Camp"!
- **SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Get connected & meet people! Hospitality & Children's Ministry Need YOU! Fill out a communication card & drop it in the offering box! Thank you!
- **NEW LIFE HOME GROUP:** Studying "Marriage Today" by Jimmy Evans. Meets Fridays @ 39<sup>th</sup> & Happy Valley. Pick up a card in the lobby for info!
- **EPIC SAN DIEGO CAMPOUT:** **July 24 -27<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up Now in the lobby!
- **SUMMER CAMP DATES:** High School Camp (Hume San Diego), June 21-26. Elementary Camp, (UCYC) July 24-28.

For more info on these and other DB events & service times – check out our website @ [dbcc.com](http://dbcc.com) or call 602-374-4588  
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New Series: **BRAVE HEART** (Courage in a World of Compromise)

It was a time when "everyone did what was right in their own eyes" (Judges 21:25). God's people found themselves in a self destructive cycle over and over again of Complacency-> Compromise-> Consequences-> Crying out to God-> Covenant Renewal. This study through the O.T. book of Judges will help us to daily face with courage & wisdom the choice between looking to God as our Lord, or following the inevitably destructive spirit & preferences of our pluralistic age.

June 27/28	<b>"Downside of Success"</b>	Judges 8:1-10:5
July 4/5	<b>"True Repentance"</b>	Judges 10:6-12:7
July 11/12	<b>"Whose Eyes Matter?"</b>	Judges 12:8-13:25

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.  
Budget Results for June 13/14  
General Giving  
Budget \$17,500 Actual \$17,306

## June 20/21, 2015

# BRAVE HEART

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

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Sermon Notes

Ray Davis

## **“Strength in Weakness”** Judges 7:1-22

What is your favorite “underdog” or “comeback” story? The story of Gideon is much more than a great comeback story! When circumstances look the bleakest and our strength is the weakest is when God’s presence and power are the greatest. (2Cor12:9). Judges 6:12 “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.”

### **What are the Dangers of Pride?** v2

- Pride is a \_\_\_\_\_ that has two sides: \_\_\_\_\_ (superiority) – I deserve admiration because I have achieved so much. \_\_\_\_\_ (inferiority) – I deserve admiration because I have suffered so much. Judges 6:12, 14, 16
- Pride is a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves (boasting/self-pity) because we are \_\_\_\_\_ of glory (weight, significance and importance). Phil2:3 “Do nothing from...” Rivalry = Gr. a desire to put one's self forward. Or Conceit = Gr. Vain glory, empty glory, Hungry for glory. Gen3:8
- Pride is \_\_\_\_\_ by independence, perfectionism, fault-finding, harsh spirit, pretense, easily offended, attitude of entitlement, hungry for attention, neglectful of others... James 4:1-10; Pro16:18

### **What are the Blessings of Weakness?** Vv3-8 God intentionally weakened Gideon’s army?!

- If the goal is dependence on God than weakness is an \_\_\_\_\_. 2Cor12:9; Eph2:8-9; Jn4:13-14
- Weakness is a desperate need for God that is \_\_\_\_\_ but not always felt because of pride. Acts17:28; 1Cor4:7; 2Cor10:12; Ps36:2
- God will sometimes reduce the size of our army (figuratively speaking) to put us back in touch \_\_\_\_\_—our desperate need for Him (humility). Ps119:67, 71; 2Cor12:8-10

## **How Can I Be Strong in my Weakness?** Vv15, 16, 20

Charles Spurgeon Morning Devotional 9/20

- Pride is a \_\_\_\_\_. We can’t think about ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ until we start thinking about our Savior \_\_\_\_\_. 2Chron20:22 and when they began to sing and praise, the LORD set an ambush against...
- The joy of self-forgetfulness (Humility) comes when a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ takes us out of our self-preoccupation (Pride). 2Cor3:18, 4:6;
- We can have strength in weakness because of the ultimate “underdog” and “comeback” story: The life, death and resurrection of \_\_\_\_\_! Phil2:5-8; 2Cor5:21, 8:9

For we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 2Cor4:7-9, 16

### **Growing Notes**

- 1) What is your favorite “underdog” or “comeback” story? Why do you think we enjoy these kinds of stories so much? How are we all “underdogs” in this fallen world?
- 2) Read Judges 7:1-22. What do you like most about this story? Why did God intentionally weaken Gideon’s army (v2)? How do you think Gideon was feeling after his army was reduced to 300 men (vv8-10)? What did God do to remedy his fear (v10)? What can we do for our fear?
- 3) What are the dangers of pride (v2)? Review the three statements under this heading and the corresponding verses. What are the blessings of weakness (vv3-8)? Review the three statements under this heading and corresponding verses.
- 4) How can you be strong in weakness (vv15, 16, 20)? Review the three statements under this heading and corresponding verses. What are you currently facing with the odds stacked against you? We can have strength in weakness because of the ultimate “underdog” story (Phil2:5-8;