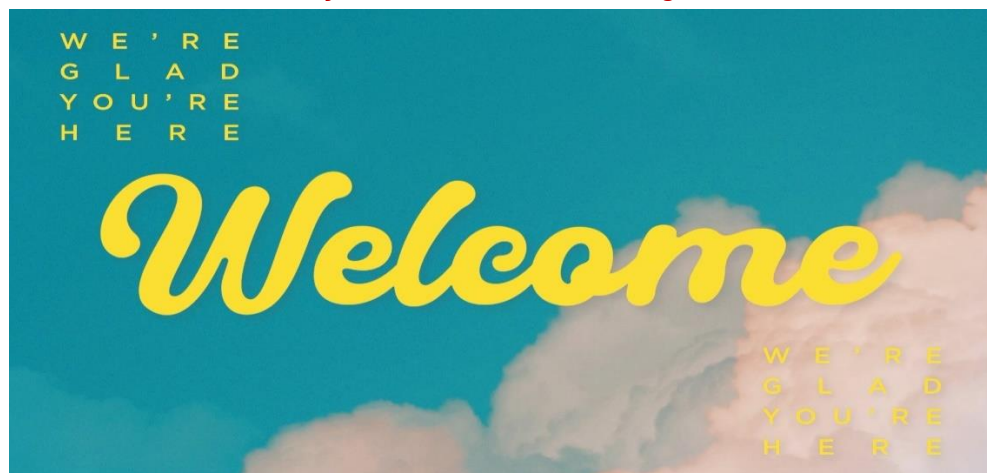
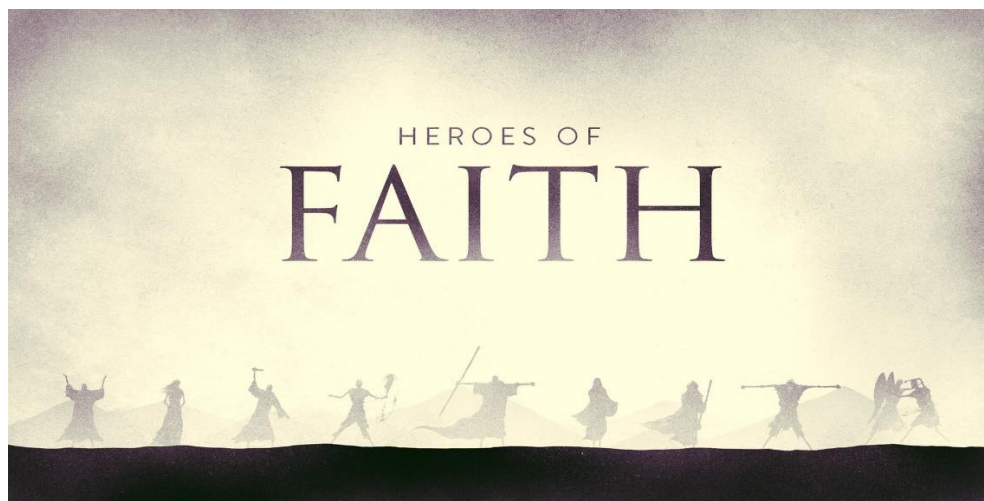


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER The Joy
Lion and the Lamb

PRAYER
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Bless God
BIBLE READING Judges 6:1-40 (Church Bible page 300)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION Abide with me
Cornerstone
There is power in His name, (The same power)



Heroes of Faith ~7

How to discover your God given potential.

Judges 6:1-32 (Hebrews 11:32)

'The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak tree in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you mighty warrior."' Judges 6:11-12 NIV

1. Step one: God's affirmation. God will _____ me.

"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian." "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." Judges 6:13-16 NIV

'If God is for us, who can be against us.' Romans 8:31 NIV

2. Step two: God's revelation. God will _____ me.

'Gideon replied, "If now I have found favour in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the Lord said, "I will wait until you return."' Judges 6:17-18 NIV

'When Gideon realised that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, "Ah, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.' Judges 6:22-24 NIV

3. Step three: Gideon's confrontation. God will _____ me.

'That same night the Lord said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering." So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him.' Judges 6:25-27 NIV

1. God may test you _____.

'You shall have no other gods before me.' Exodus 20:3 NIV

2. God may test you _____.

3. God may test you _____.

'In the morning when the men of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, with the Asherah pole beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly-built altar! They asked each other, "Who did this?" When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it." The men of the town demanded of Joash, "Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it." But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, "Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar.'

Judges 6:28-32 NIV

4. Step four: Gideon's transformation. God will _____ me.

'Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon.' Judges 6:34 NIV

'Jesus, full of the Holy spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.' Luke 4:1-2 NIV

'When the devil had finished all his tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.' Luke 4:13-14 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What aspects of Gideon's character resonates with you?
2. Read Judges 6:11. How did fear impact Gideon?
 - In what ways can fear, (or anxiety), impact us today?
3. Read Judges 6:12. Why does God speak to Gideon in this way, especially as all the evidence pointed otherwise?
4. What are the types of excuses we make when God asks us to do something for him?
 - Read Judges 6:14&16. How does God answer those excuse?
 - How does Romans 8:31 give you confidence?
5. Gideon had a personal experience with God, Judges 6:17-18, 22-24, that led to personal peace. What does the altar represent?
 - How does a personal relationship with God help us have internal peace?
6. In Judges 6:25-27, Gideon went through a number of tests. Why did God test Gideon?
 - God will test us in one or all of the three ways Pastor Phill explained to us as to what is first place in our lives. Look at each test and discuss what each test looks like today and share your experience if you have been through one of these tests.
 - Why is idol worship dangerous to our lives today? See Exodus 20:3 for the definition of idol worship.
7. Read Judges 6:34. How did the Holy Spirit help and transform Gideon?
 - How does He do that in our lives today?

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