

Ireland's Christian Men's Camp 2024



Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.



Studying the Life Principles of

Gideon

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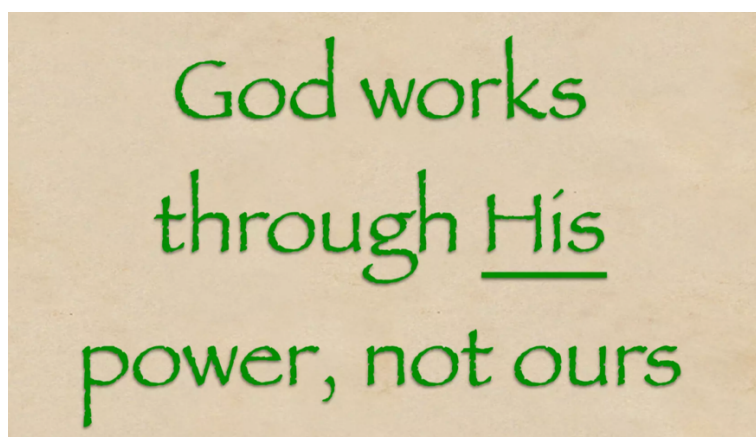
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Gideon was NOT a man of valour until God said so.
God makes men truly courageous, if they will let Him!

Christian Men's Training Camp 2024

Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Speaker
WEDNESDAY APRIL 3			
1:00pm	4 hr	Start Arriving at Camp - Go for a walk, enjoy the area	
5:00pm	1:30 hr	Dinner (<i>Burgers, Oven Chips</i>)	
6:30pm	1 hr	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
7:30pm	1:30 hr	Session 1 Intro to Gideon / Cost of Israel's Sin	Craig Ledbetter
9:00pm	1 hr	Prayer Groups	
10:00pm	1 hr	Bonfire, Fellowship	
11:00pm		Fellowship time, and then to Sleep	
THURSDAY APRIL 4			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower (<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>)	
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions (Courage)	
9:00am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Cereal, Sausages, Toast, Porridge, etc.</i>)	
10:00am	1:30 hr	Session 2 Rekindling Courage & Valour	Stewart Gragg
11:30am	30 min	Break (<i>Prepare Lunch</i>)	
12:00	1 hr	Lunch (<i>Sandwiches, Crisps, Fruit</i>)	
1:00pm	3:00 hrs	Sports Time	
4:00pm	1 hr	Prayer Groups	
5:00pm	15 min	Group Photo	
5.15pm	1:15 hr	Dinner (<i>Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Frozen Mixed Veg</i>)	
6:30pm	1:30 hr	Session 3 The Special Calling of Leaders	Les Hill
8:00pm	30 min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
8:30pm	1:30 hr	Session 4 Fight the First Battles First	Ben Shore
10:00pm	1:30 hr	Games, Bonfire/Fellowship	
11:30am	8 hrs	Sleep	
FRIDAY APRIL 5			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower (<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>)	
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotions (Following Godly Leadership)	
9:00am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Sausages, Toast, Porridge, Cereal, etc.</i>)	
10:00am	1:30 hr	Session 5 Testing the Call of God	Phil Tharp
11:30am	30 min	Break (<i>Prepare Lunch</i>)	
12:00	1 hr	Lunch (<i>Sandwiches, Crisps, Fruit</i>)	
1:00pm	3:00 hrs	Sports Time	
4:00pm	1 hr	Prayer Groups	
5:00pm	15 min	Group Photo	
5.15pm	1:15 hr	Dinner (<i>BBQ Chicken, Small Potatoes, Corn</i>)	
6:30pm	1:30 hr	Session 6 Stripping Down Our Confidence	Craig Ledbetter
8:00pm	30 min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
8:30pm	1:30 hr	Session 7 Engage the Enemy	Declan Flanagan
10:00pm	1:30 hr	Games, Bonfire/Fellowship, Prayer Groups	
11:30am	8 hrs	Sleep	

Time	Duration	Main Function	Speaker
SATURDAY APRIL 6			
7:30am	1 hr	Wake-Up and Shower (<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>)	
8:30am	30 min	Quiet Time Devotion (A Christian Man's Fight)	
9:00am	1 hr	Breakfast (<i>Cereal, Porridge, Toast, etc.</i>)	
10:00am	1:30 hr	Session 8 Popcorn Preaching & Testimonies	Everyone
11:30pm	30 min	Final Prayer Time Together	
12:00pm	1 hr	Pack-up and clean-up	
1:00pm		Lunch (<i>Simple Left-over sandwiches</i>)	
		Leave for Home	

Faith is best when the odds are against it.

“God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him.”

— Missionary James Hudson Taylor

“A ship is safe in harbor, but that's not what ships are for.”

— John A. Shedd

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.” — Writer Mark Twain

“You never change your life until you step out of your comfort zone; change begins at the end of your comfort zone.”

— Roy T. Bennett

“Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.”

— Evangelist Billy Graham

**We need to be Christian men
who are dangerous enough to face our
real enemy with true valour!**

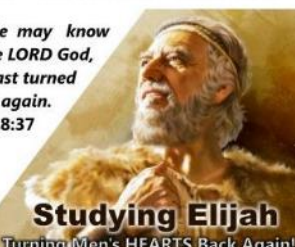
Christian Men's Training Camp 2024 Men of Faith We Have Studied Through the Years
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MEN'S CAMP 2015

That this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
 1 Kings 18:37

June 17-20
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Studying Elijah
 Turning Men's HEARTS Back Again!




MEN'S TRAINING CAMP

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."
 Proverbs 27:17

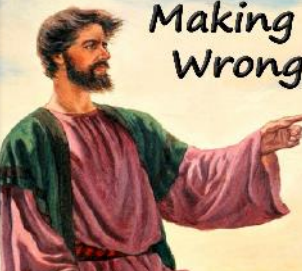
Studying the Life Principles of...

JONATHAN
 APRIL 27-30, 2011
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Lot... Making All the Wrong Choices!

Men's Camp 2014



DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN

I have fought a good fight... 2 Timothy 4:7




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2006
 Muckross Venture Centre, Killarney

Studying the Life Principles of:

Jonah

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD"
 Jonah 2:7

Doing the Will of God from the Heart!
 (Ephesians 6:6)




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2008
 Bandon Faith Mission Camp
 27th - 29th March, 2008

Studying the Life Principles of Job

Holding Fast in Times of Trial

"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."
 Job 1:21




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2009
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Studying the Life Principles of **Joshua**

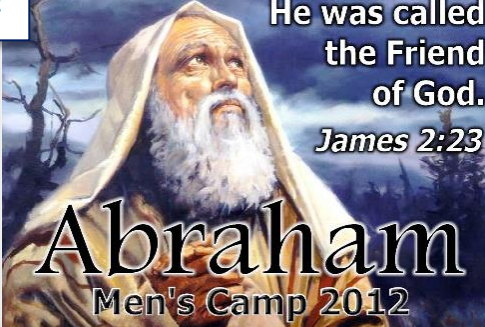
"But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see."
 Deuteronomy 3:28

Preparing to Lead



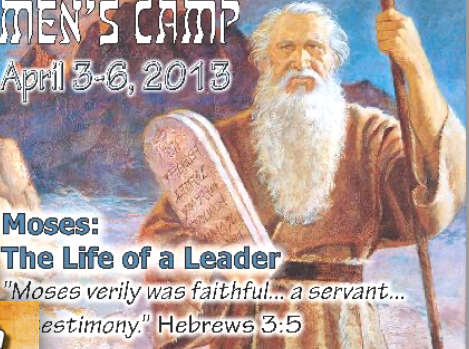
He was called the Friend of God.
 James 2:23

Abraham
 Men's Camp 2012



MEN'S CAMP
 April 3-6, 2013


Moses: The Life of a Leader
"Moses verily was faithful... a servant... testimony." Hebrews 3:5



Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2010
 Mt Melleray Scouting Centre

Studying the Life Principles of **Adam**

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."
 Galatians 6:7



Men's Camp 2018 - Hezekiah
 April 4-7

That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God.
 2Kings 19:19




Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2007
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Studying the Life Principles of:

Peter


"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."
 Luke 22:31,32

Old Habits Die Hard!
 But the CAN die... on the cross!



Ireland Christian Men's Camp 2017
 Studying the Life Principles of

Noah
 The Man With A Mission!



Yielded Unto God
 How Far Can We TRUST God?

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1


Ireland Men's Camp 2019
 Learning from Isaac
 Wed - Fri, April 24-26, 2019
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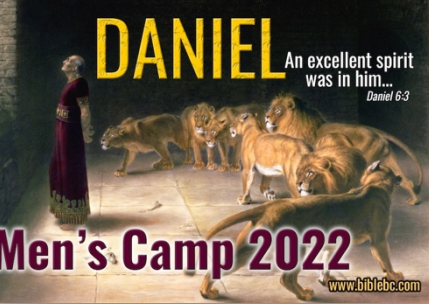
By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death... he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
 Hebrews 11:5

April 13-15
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DANIEL
 An excellent spirit was in him...
 Daniel 6:3

Men's Camp 2022



The Gideon Song

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1. The Lord told Gideon, I'm with you, mighty man!

The enemy is raging, but I've-got a perfect plan.

I'll send you to the fight

So go in this thy might

Put fear away, have peace today,

It's time to do what's right

2. The Lord told Gideon,

Your work begins at home.

Throw down ev'ry idol -

revival then will come!

Don't fear what man can do,

Have faith and follow through.

Take back your home, you're not alone

This task is yours to do!

3. The Lord told Gideon, You'll need some mighty men

Soldiers who are not afraid, who won't turn back again.

Your army will be few,

But as they follow you

Just trust My word, and use your sword

God's strength will see you through!

4. The Lord told Gideon, It's time to face the foe

You'll only need the simple things,

just get your men and go.

Stand forth and bravely shout

Untapped courage will burst out.

Although it's night

With valour fight

There's no time now for doubt

5. The Lord shows through Gideon,

the battle still goes on

Our fight today is just as real,

so let's fight until the dawn

Yes Gideons are rare,

And his fighting men are few

But we'll believe, What God can see,

Our enemies better be-ware!

Chorus:

Oh let us be like Gideon

- Deep down strong and brave

Mighty men of valour,

proclaiming Jesus Saves!

We won't retreat from battle heat.

It's time to draw the sword!

We need, men like Gideon,

The vict'ry is the Lord's!



Final Chorus:

Oh let us be like Gideon

- Deep down strong and brave

Mighty men of valour,

proclaiming Jesus Saves!

We won't retreat from battle heat.

It's time to draw the sword!

Let's be men like Gideon,

The vict'ry is the Lord's!

If You Believe the Bible, then, You're Not Alone!

These are many of the Bible believing Pastors and Churches here in Ireland

Thank God for these truly Faithful Men – God's Men!



No one is in Killarney

No one is in Athy

No one is in Kildare

No one is in Carlow

No one is in Dundalk

No one is in Ballina

No one is in Kilkenny

No one is in Tipperary

No one is in Youghal

No one is in Clonmel

No one is in Wexford

No one is in Port Laoise

No one is in Sligo

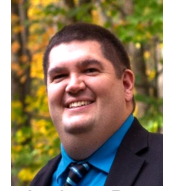
No one is in West Cork

No one is in Castlebar

No one is in Dingle




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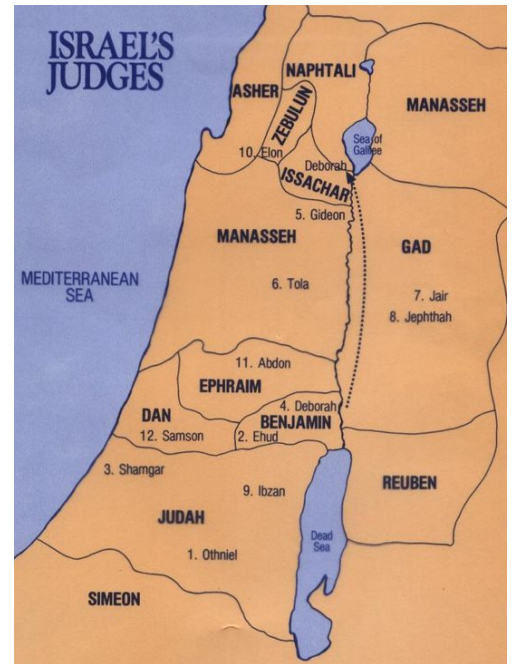
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Who else will join us to reach this island with the Gospel?

A Summary of the Life of Gideon

By Andrew Day

A long time ago the land of Israel did not have any king. Moses had passed on and had anointed Joshua to replace him. God used Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land, where they emerged victorious. The land was divided by lots to the different tribes of the children of Israel. Joshua and the elders of the people led them in righteousness and followed the LORD God. Eventually Joshua and the elders passed on. There was no successor to the leadership of Joshua to keep the tribes united. As time passed on, there arose a generation which did not know God or His works. This generation of Israel turned their backs upon God's Word and their covenant with God. They began to worship the idols of the nations before them and around them and began to commit evil and wickedness. They abandoned the Word of God and would soon live their lives according to "that which was right in his own eyes" – **Judges 17:6**. As the people sinned, God used the surrounding nations to judge them and oppress them. They repented and God raised up a Judge to lead the people. When the Judge died, the people fell back to their wickedness and the cycle would repeat – **Judges 2:10-23**.



Such were the days before Gideon. God raised up Judges such as Othniel (Caleb's nephew), Ehud (the slayer of king Eglon), Shamgar (the mighty warrior), and Deborah (the prophetess). God brought great deliverance to the Israelites through these Judges. Deborah and Barak passed off the scene and the nation of Israel once again did evil before God. That's when God raised up the Midianites, the descendants of Keturah & Abraham. Midian oppressed Israel for 7 years, to the point where the Israelites hid in caves and the mountains. As the Israelites would sow their crops, the Midianites came and destroyed their fields. They left no food, sheep, ox, or donkeys alive. The land became impoverished because of the Midianites and finally they cried out for God to help them.



God Calls Gideon – Judges 6:1-16

God responds to their cries by sending a prophet to rebuke the people for their faithlessness. After this prophet delivers his message, God sent an angel to speak to a young man. The angel sat under an oak tree that belonged to Joash, the father of Gideon. Gideon was secretly threshing wheat behind a wine mill, for fear of the Midianites finding it and stealing it. The angel approached Gideon and greeted him, "The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." Taken aback by such an unusual greeting, Gideon responded asking where God was in allowing this oppression of His people. The angel responded by declaring that God had called Gideon to deliver the Israelites from the Midianites.

Gideon Requests A Sign – Judges 6:17-24

Gideon responds the proper way to the angel. He doesn't respond in arrogance and pride. He essentially responds, "Who am I to do this?" He told the angel that his family wasn't rich or powerful and that he was even the least in his own family. God encouraged Gideon that He would be with him in this great deliverance. Gideon still isn't assured of this endeavour, and he asks for a sign. He requests the angel to stay where he is at until he can return with an offering. The angel agreed and Gideon quickly went home to prepare a gift. He made an unleavened cake, broth, and killed a goat to cook it and then brought them to the angel. The angel instructed Gideon to put the cake and meat on a rock and pour the broth on top of them. Gideon did so and the angel touched the rock with his staff. The rock burst into flame, consuming the offering, and the angel disappeared. Gideon realized then he was speaking to an angel of the Lord. He immediately went and built an altar to God and called it Jehovah-shalom, the LORD send peace.



Gideon overthrows the altar to Baal – Judges 6:25-32

That night, God spoke to Gideon and told him to take his father's second bullock and to destroy the altar to Baal and the grove beside it in his father's house. In its place, he was to build an altar to God with the wood of the grove and to sacrifice the bullock on it in the place where the altar to Baal had stood. Gideon was greatly afraid of his father and the people of the city, but he still obeyed God. He took ten of his servants and waited



until night-time and did as God asked. The next day, the men of the city found their altar and grove destroyed and replaced by another altar with a bullock upon it. They found out that Gideon had done it and were furious. They demanded Joash, Gideon's father, to deliver his son to them so they could kill him. Joash told them that if Baal was really a god, then he could plead for himself and punish Gideon for destroying his altar. The men were content with this response and left Gideon alone. From that day forth, Gideon was given the nickname, Jerubbaal, which means "Let Baal plead against him".

Gideon & The Woollen Fleece – Judges 6:33-40

Sometime after this, the entire armies of the Midianites, Amalekites, and the children of the east came to the valley of Jezreel and encamped there, preparing to destroy Israel. Upon hearing these things, Gideon sent messengers throughout all the territory of the tribes of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they rallied to his call. Now with an army behind him, Gideon asks God for one more test to prove that God would give him victory. This time he asks God that if he puts out a fleece of wool on the floor and it only being wet from the dew and the rest of the ground dry, then he would go to battle. On the next day, Gideon found as he asked and was able to wring out a full bowl of water. Gideon still had doubts and asked God for another sign of confirmation. This time, he asked the fleece to be dry, and the ground wet with dew. The next day, Gideon found exactly as he asked, confirming in his heart that God would use him to lead the Israelites to victory!



Gideon's Army – Judges 7:1-8

With an army and confidence in God's word, Gideon left with his army and pitched camp beside the well of Harod. With the great army that Gideon had, he was sure that he would be victorious. But then, God spoke to Gideon and told him his army was too big. The Israelites will think it was because of their strength that they would win instead of God being the one who was giving them the victory. To trim down the army, he told Gideon to have everyone who is afraid to fight. 22,000 soldiers returned home, leaving 10,000 remaining. God



spoke to Gideon again and said it still was too many soldiers left. He told him to bring them down to the water and as the soldiers began drinking from the water, God specified that only those who dipped their hand in the water and brought it to their mouths and that lapped it like a dog would be the soldiers to remain. Any who bowed down to the river and drank were to be sent home. After this test, only 300 were set aside. God spoke to Gideon and told him that by these 300, God would give Gideon the victory.

The Battle Against The Midianites – Judges 7:9-8:21

The evening before the battle would be engaged, God yet again encourages Gideon by telling him to sneak down to the camp of the Midianites. He told him that if he was afraid, he could take his servant, Phurah, with him and listen to what the enemy soldiers were speaking of. He said that when Gideon heard their conversation, that his hands would be strengthened to fight against the enemies. Gideon took his servant and snuck to the edge of the enemy camp. The enemy camp was massive, tens of thousands upon thousands had gathered for war. Their camels were so many it was as the sands of the sea. As Gideon approached the camp, he overheard one of the soldiers telling another that he had a dream about a cake of barley bread falling into the army of the Midianites and toppling the tent of it. The other soldier

responded that it could only be Gideon and that God had delivered the massive army into his hand. When Gideon heard this dream, he praised God and worshipped him and returned to the camp of the Israelites. He encouraged the 300 men that they would be victorious.

Gideon split the 300 men into three divisions of 100 men each. He gave everyone a trumpet, an empty jar, and a torch. He gave them specific instructions to wait until he gave the word and to do exactly as he did with the trumpets and jars. When he and his company blew their trumpets, shouting, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon" and smashed their jars, they were to do the same. Gideon and his two other companies surrounded the camp of the Midianites and waited until the middle of the night, when they replaced the guards with a new watch. As soon as it was done, the three companies did exactly as Gideon ordered. They blew the trumpets, broke the pitchers, raised their torches, and shouted as loud as they could. What unfolded was utter chaos. The Midianites were so startled they were in a panic. Soon the Midianites were fighting their own allies and destroying each other. Many of the army fled before Gideon and his men pursued them, destroying them as they came upon them. Those in the surrounding areas of Israel even came in to join the battle and chase the Midianites away. He even sent messengers to the tribe of Ephraim to fight and reclaim their land. They did so and ended up capturing two of the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb, and slew them and brought their heads to Gideon.



The men of Ephraim were angry that Gideon had not asked them beforehand to fight at the beginning of the battle. Gideon wisely answered back that what he did was nothing in comparison as to their feats and them defeating Oreb and Zeeb. His answer calmed the situation. Gideon and his men continued pursuing the remaining army of the Midianites and their allies and crossed the Jordan river. They had been pursuing so hard that they were faint from hunger and exhaustion. They came to the city of Succoth and asked for food while they pursued the kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna. The leaders refused because of their fear of the Midianites. Gideon pronounced judgment upon them that once he returns victorious that he would punish the men of Succoth and chastise them with whips. He then came to the city of Penuel and asked the same of the people. They gave the same response as Succoth and would not help him. Gideon pronounced the judgment upon that city would be him tearing down the tower within it.

At this time, Zebah and Zalmunna were holding up in the city of Karkor, along with 15,000 of their men, all that was left of the great army of the Midianites. 120,000 had been slain by the Israelites. Gideon arrived and attacked, defeating their army. Zebah and Zalmunna escaped and fled, but Gideon caught up with them and caught them. Before the day had finished, he returned to Succoth with the Midianite kings in hand. A man of the city was stopped by Gideon's army and Gideon asked for a description of the leaders of Succoth. He described all the princes and elders, even 77 of them. Gideon then came to Succoth and captured the elders of the city and whipped them with thorns and briars from the wilderness. He then went to Penuel and toppled the tower within the city and executed the men.

With judgments meted out, he asked Zebah and Zalmunna what the men looked like from Tabor that they had killed. They replied they looked like Gideon and resembled the children of a king. Gideon replied that they were his brothers. Had they spared them and kept them alive, then they would remain alive. He then gave his firstborn son, Jether, the honour of slaying the kings. Jether did not do anything because he was afraid and still a youth. Zebah and Zalmunna saw this and instead asked to be executed by Gideon, which he did, ending the oppression of the Midianites upon Israel.

Gideon Refuses To Be King – Judges 8:22-28

Because of the great victory that was given to Israel through Gideon, they desired to make Gideon their king and for him to rule them, with his son and grandson following. Gideon refused, saying that only God Almighty should rule over them. Instead, as his reward, he asked for all the earrings from the Midianites and those who had been slain of their enemy. Golden earrings were a mark of being an Ishmaelite in those days. They also gave Gideon all the ornaments, collars, and purple cloth that was on the kings of Midian, as well as the chains

that were about their camels' necks. Gideon made a golden ephod (a girdle worn for religious ceremonies) with some of the gold and placed it in his hometown. Tragically, Israel desired that ephod more and worshipped it than the ephod worn by the High Priest and going to the Tabernacle of God to worship Him. This ephod became a snare to Gideon and his household.

The End of Gideon – Judges 8:29-32

After delivering Israel from Midian, Gideon became a leader of Israel and made the next Judge of them. He judged Israel for 40 years and God gave the land peace because of it. Unfortunately, he allowed the culture of surrounding nations and his own fame to lead him to marry many wives. He ended up having 70 sons born, along with a son from a concubine, who would one day cause great problems to the house of Gideon. Gideon died peacefully and was buried in the sepulchre of his father in their hometown of Ophrah.



The Most Important Scriptures to Memorize**Hebrews 11:32,33**

**And what shall I more say?
for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon,
and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae;
of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
Who through faith subdued kingdoms,
wrought righteousness,
obtained promises ...**

Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
and all the nations that forget God.

Judges 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him,
The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

Judges 7:17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise...
as I do, so shall ye do.

Ezekiel 14:6 Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols;
and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

2Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing
as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

2Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal,
but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Scriptures to Memorize

CONSEQUENCES	Psalm 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.	Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
	Ezekiel 14:6 Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.	Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.
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	1Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.	2Kings 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
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	Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.	2Kings 17:39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.
	Judges 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.	
DISCERN	Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.	Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
SPIRITUAL WARFARE	Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.	James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
	Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.	2Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.
INCAPABLE	2Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.	Lamentations 3:22,23 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Try and Remember the Scripture Verses...

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A Man's Quiet Time

How Does a Man Walk with His God?

Please read this simple explanation of how to prepare your heart for a daily serious time with God through His word. It will make all the difference in the world to come humbly before the throne of grace. **Hebrews 4:16.** We need God's help!

Start with Prayer! Find yourself a place every day to get alone with God. Remember **Matthew 6:6** "*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet...*" It is when we are *by ourselves* seeking the Lord that we hear His still, small voice. Start with opening your heart to God. Allow Him to do an inspection of what is in your thoughts and feelings. **Psalm 139:23** says, "***Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.***" Be honest with yourself, and honest with God. Ask God to search for any sins you may have buried in your heart. **Psalm 139:24** says, "***See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.***" David, realizing he had sinned against God, asked for a cleansing. God wants us all very clean in our hearts! **Psalm 51:2** says, "***Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.***" Let God cleanse your life as you do the following three things: **1. Acknowledge** - admit the sins He reveals are there in your heart. **2. Confess** – admit that you have sinned before an all holy God. **3. Forsake** – leave each sin, abandoning everything that has separated you from God. Decide by God's power to quit doing the same sins that God reveals to you in your quiet time, and has already forgiven, and cleansed you from. Remember the Lord's promise – **1 John 1:9** "***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***"

Humble yourself. The Bible says in **Isaiah 57:15a**, "***For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...***" We have a great need every day to humble ourselves as we prepare to walk with God. This means there must be a **personal brokenness** to cause us to always depend upon the Lord. God wants to fully "dwell" in our heart, but He will not force His way in, nor will He honour a sinful, wicked heart. Once your heart is clean, tell God you are coming under His perfect authority, and that you want to obey Him all day long. God desires to fellowship with you, but only with the right attitude!

Tell God what you need! Cast all your worries, cares, and every need upon Almighty God. He loves to answer our impossible prayers! He delights to have our strength renewed in our daily walk with Him. Believe God wants to give you a peace and strength far beyond what we are used to. So, pray about everything! Real men don't fight, get angry, frustrated, and defeated when things don't work out. Real men, pray and trust God to do for them everything they themselves cannot do!

Read at least two chapters every day in your Bible, going through every book from Genesis to Revelation! If you have time, make a habit of reading 4 chapters EVERY day!

Finally, Thank Him for His Blessings – Read and meditate on these verses. **Philippians 4:6** "***Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.***" **Colossians 4:2** "***Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.***" We have got a lot to be thankful for. Praise Him for His goodness to you! **Now**, write some blessings on your heart and mind...

Thursday Devotion – Courage

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 1 Timothy 1:7

How does a man grow in courage? Is it something that just a few special and elite men have, and the rest of us are afraid?

We all have fears. Some men are afraid of the dentist, or the doctor. Some are afraid of what people think of them. Some are afraid of dark alleys (for good reason). Some are afraid of dogs. Other are afraid of dying. Most men are afraid of being embarrassed. Christian men are afraid of telling the Gospel and being laughed at. And too many Christian men are afraid of being caught sinning, or of being honest about their sins. Fear is natural, and everyone has fears. But fears enslave grown men – fears stop men from doing what they should do.

So what does a Christian man do when fear is more in control of their actions than God?

First, understand that God didn't give you the fear of people, or of even your enemies.

Instead, God gives some things that wipe out fear. What are the three things listed in 1 Timothy 1:7? _____, _____, _____

Write out what you think it means to have courage. _____

How would the three things in 1 Timothy 1:7 fuel courage in a believer? In other words, How would GOD'S POWER make a difference in your life when you are afraid? _____

How would LOVE help? _____

What is a SOUND MIND? _____

How would a sound mind help you when you are afraid of doing what you know you should do? _____

So, God does not cause us to be afraid of doing hard things, or things that might bring hurt on us. God does not make us afraid of anything except one thing...

Read **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, and write out who is the only Person we should fear. _____

If a Christian man worried about what God thinks about their life, instead of what other people think, would that change their attitude? Yes / No. Why? _____

Fill in the missing words in the following Scriptures:

Psalms 34:9 “O _____ the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no _____ to them that fear him.” What is God promising us if we fear only Him? _____

Proverbs 9:10 “The _____ of the LORD is the beginning of _____: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” Does the wrong kind of fear cripple our maturity and abilities to do the will of God? What will the RIGHT kind of fear (the fear only of God) do? _____

Read **Hebrews 13:5,6**. If Jesus promised “I will _____ leave thee, nor _____ thee”, what can we Christian men now boldly say? “The Lord is my helper, and _____ what man shall do unto me.”

Pray and ask God to help you worry only about what HE thinks, and what HE wants you to do each day of your life. Ask God to help you be aware that HE is aware of everything you do. THAT will help you have courage instead of fear.

Friday Devotion – Following Godly Leadership

“And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise... as I do, so shall ye do.” Judges 7:17

Who said the words in the Scripture above? _____

What was Gideon asking his men to do? _____

Was that a normal way to fight a war and win it? Yes / No

Did the men follow Gideon's example? Yes / No. What was the result? (See Judges 7:20-23)

The Apostle Paul urged the Christians in Corinth to **“Be ye _____ of me, even as I also am of _____”** (1 Corinthians 11:1), just like Gideon asked of his 300 men.

Good followers need good leaders. So, how do we find and follow good leaders?

There are no perfect leaders. Not in government, or on the job, or at church. They all will be imperfect in their decisions, and management styles, and plans. Yet Christian men are supposed to follow other men, especial good men, and become like them.

How do we identify a man worth following?

1. **Maturity and Experience.** It is rare that we should follow someone who has no experience doing what he is telling us what to do. That's why God says for a pastor to be _____ and rule well his own house before he attempts to influence and help other homes! See 1 Timothy 3:2-6.
2. **He Has to have a Plan** – a vision, calling. Everyone wants power and authority over other people, but few actually know what people should be doing, or how to do the will of God. Make sure the person you look up to actually knows what they are doing, and has a big plan. That means, find out if they have prayed about what they are asking of you to do. No one would have followed Gideon if he didn't actually have a plan to engage the Midianites.
3. **Selflessness.** Does the person you are following live his life mainly for his own benefit and gain, or for a good cause? It is fine working for a boss who knows how to make money, but we should NOT seek to be like them. Be like someone who knows how to GIVE money away for the Kingdom of God!
4. **Submitted to a Higher Authority.** Does the person you are following have anyone above them that they obey? Even though Jesus is Lord, He submitted as a Man to a higher authority, which was _____. Every husband who wants his wife to follow him, needs to already be following who? _____
5. **Already Doing What He is Asking You to Do.** Everything Gideon asked of his men, he would already be doing. He needed to be the leader – not just a commander. If people just tell you want to do, but do not do it already themselves, then do what they say do, but do not be like them. See Matthew 23:2,3 “_____ therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and _____; but do not ye after their _____: for they say, and do not.”
6. **Most of all, Makes Sure he has his own Walk with God.** Gideon had a real walk with God that included struggles, and questions, but in the end, he knew God, trusted God, and was influenced by the Spirit of God, and not the spirit of fear. His men trusted Him because they saw him trusting God.

Can you list some people you should be following and being more and more like? _____

God took a timid young man named Gideon, moulded him, and prepared him for leadership; and when the time was right, there was a small band of men who were willing to hazard their lives with him—even though God's battle plan seemed crazy! Find yourself a Gideon and do likewise!

Saturday Devotion – A Christian Man's Fight

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Ephesians 6:10-13

Make no mistake about it: the biggest enemy you are fighting is not human. The enemy you are fighting is **“spiritual wickedness in high places.”** **“The prince of the power of the air”** has a name: _____. Every day he seeks to tempt you to give in to your fleshly desires, and he whispers thoughts into your mind that are against God’s truth and His will for your life. He’s been at it for 6,000 years; and he is *very* good at it! We as Christian men need to take on our enemy, like Gideon and his men did, and cause them to flee.

How Do We Wrestle in the Spirit?

Wrestle in prayer. Not just talking about the struggles and battles with everyone, but reaching up to God and gripping His throne with every fibre of your being and pleading with Him for help! Satan cannot win when we pray first instead of argue and fight first!

Wrestle in weakness. Face your enemy in your weakness, but trusting that GOD is your help and your strength. Keep pushing for **God** to do something, and believe He will!

Wrestle in submission to God, and authorities. James 4:7 says “_____ yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” God “_____” those that are too proud to humble themselves, and force their own way (James 4:6).

Wrestle by using the truths of the word of God. Quote and believe with all your heart strong Scriptural truths against every every stronghold the devil has in your life, and even in your thought life. Reply to every crazy thought that comes up in your head with a powerful Scripture like _____ did in Matthew 4:1-11. The words of God are our best weapon!

Put on all the armour of God. Satan is an extremely powerful and wicked enemy. You are no match for him. Yet, if you are a born again Christian, you needn’t be afraid of Satan. God is *infinitely* more powerful than Satan. And God has given every man a complete set of armour to live victoriously.

Read Ephesians 6:14-18 and list the seven things we need to be wearing as we battle Satan, every day:

- The undergarment of _____ - reminding ourselves of the reason why we fight.
- _____ like a breastplate – personal righteousness, getting right with God is a powerful protector against future temptations.
- Feet ready to go somewhere with the _____. A Gospel witness has less time to live selfishly.
- A shield of _____ - a strong belief that will quench / put out every burning dart that the devil fires at your heart and mind.
- A helmet of _____ - knowing you are saved protects your head and thoughts.
- The sword of the _____, which is the “_____.” Read as much of your Bible as you possibly can every day – at least 2 chapters. It is a powerful weapon against temptations and guilt and spiritual attacks.
- And _____ always, in the Spirit. It a powerful weapon! Use it right now.

Prayer List

“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of needs and requests.



What are you Thankful for? *“be ye thankful”* Colossians 3:15

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_____	_____

List the names of people who are Lost that need to be saved (2 Peter 3:9) *“God is not willing that any should perish...”*

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_____	_____
_____	_____

What areas of your life need Christian Growth (2Peter 3:18) *“grow in grace”*

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List Areas of Special Needs (Health, and Family concerns) *“And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”* Psalm 50:15

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What Are Your Church's Needs? *“and pray one for another”* James 5:16 (pray for your Pastor, and the many people who help serve... by name)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List Anything Else – like YOUR own needs here... *“ye have not, because ye ask not”* James 4:2

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Christian Men's Training Camp 2024

Session 1 – Intro to Gideon, and the Cost of Israel's Sin

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

(Psalm 9:17)



Session 2 – Kindling Courage & Valour

Stewart Gragg – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.” (Judges 6:12)



Session 3 – The Special Calling of Leaders

Pastor Les Hill – Gospel Baptist Church, Lucan

“And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise... as I do, so shall ye do.” (Judges 7:17)



Session 4 – Fight the First Battles First

Pastor Ben Shore – Southside Free Baptist Church, Loanhead, Scotland

“Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.” (Ezekiel 14:6)



Session 5 – Testing the Call of God

Pastor Phil Tharp – New Life Baptist Church, Drogheda

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

(Psalm 119:105)



Session 6 – Stripping Down Our Confidence

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig, Cork

*“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves;
but our sufficiency is of God.” (2Corinthians 3:5)*



Session 7 – Engage the Enemy

Pastor Declan Flanagan – Lighthouse Baptist Church, Swords

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” (2Corinthians 10:4)

I. Introduction



Session 8 – POP-CORN PREACHING

Write down some things God taught you during Men's Camp and be ready to tell everyone on Saturday morning what you learned! Or, you can tell about when and why you got saved! You only need to speak for 5 minutes – just be loud, and clear, and speak from the heart!

Final Review - A Time to Evaluate Your Heart

Questions to ponder and answer from this Camp's study of Gideon.

- What were some important character traits you learned about Gideon's life, that you need to have in YOUR life?
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
- What did the angel of the Lord call Gideon in Judges 6:12? _____

- Why do you think Gideon asked for a sign/proof of God's call on his life? _____

- Was Gideon's father Joash a good spiritual role model for Gideon? Yes / No
- Does a man have to have a good Christian father to be a good man? Yes / No
- How many men was Gideon up against? _____
- How many men answered Gideon's initial call to fight against the Midianites?

- How many men were eventually chosen by God to go with Gideon into battle? _____
- What unusual items did Gideon's men take into battle? _____,
_____, _____
- Do you have any of those item in your life that you could use in the spiritual war that we all are in today? What do you have? _____

- What was the battle cry of Gideon's company of men? " _____
_____"
- What do you think that phrase means? _____

- How many years of quietness and peace followed this battle? _____
- What Scripture really meant a lot to you this week? _____
Try and write it out from memory...

