

Emmanuel Prayer List January 2022

Christian Resolutions for 2022

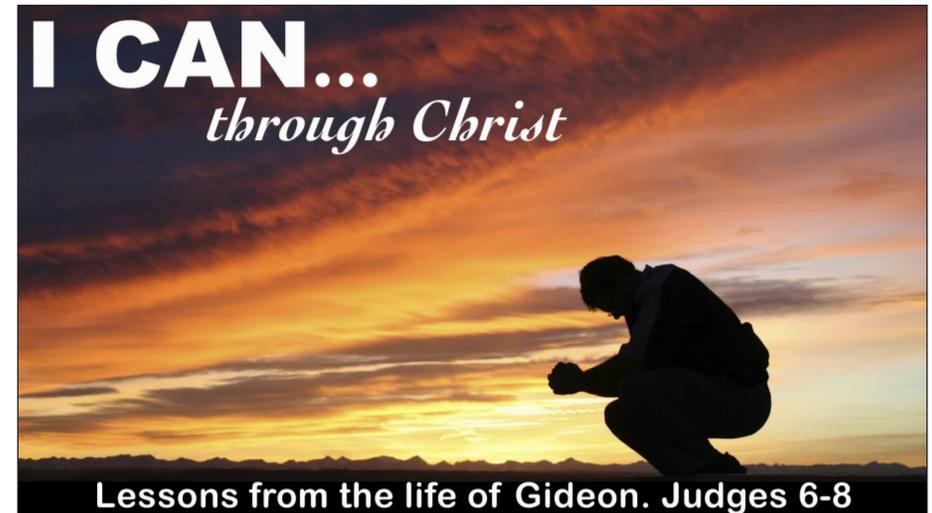
- **Relationships** - Reaffirm your relationship with God. Micah 6:8
- **Review** - Ask God to show you areas of sin and weakness that might have hindered your spiritual growth. Psalm 139:23-24
- **Refresh** - Ask God to refresh you and to give you a new vision for 2022. Jeremiah 29:11.
- **Renew** - Ask God to help you see your life from His perspective and renew your commitment to His purpose for your life. Romans 12:2
- **Resolve** - To be faithful to God, give Him honour and to glorify Him. Philippians 3:14

Study Continued (from inside page)

8. Read Judges 6:14-16. How did God see Gideon?
How does Gideon see himself?
How does Gideon view the task he is being given?
9. What kind of person would you like to be?
Do you think that God sees you as that kind of person?
What are the challenges, or obstacles, stopping you from being that person?
10. In order for Gideon to become the person that God saw him as being, he was going to have to take a step of faith. And, as the angel said, "go in the strength that you have." What was God's promise to him (verse 16)?
11. If you are going to be the Person that God wants you to be, what steps do you need to take? (Remember, God has promised to be with you).

Winston Churchill
1874-1965

"Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

1. Knowing God - Learning to live by faith
2. Dealing with sin
3. Recognising God's call on your life
4. The importance of doing God's will, God's way
5. Learning to trust God in difficult circumstances
6. Being faithful to the end

Knowing God - Learning to live by faith

No matter how far you walk away from God...

GOD NEVER GIVES UP

Background to the book of Judges:

2:10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who _____

1. A generation that _____ God
2. A generation that knew _____ God
3. A generation that knew _____ God

The cycle of rebellion:

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The primary message of the book of Judges

- 1.
- 2.

GOD SEES ME, AND KNOWS ME, AND CALLS ME TO LIVE BY FAITH

6:1 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for _____ years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

6:12 The Lord is with you, _____

God had a plan and a purpose for Gideon, but first Gideon needed to...

v.14 To live the life that God was calling him to was going to take _____

How did Gideon see himself?

How did God see Gideon?

v.15-16 what was God's promise to Gideon?

1. Read Judges 6:1-6. Try to imagine what it was like living in Israel at that time. Why do you think it took seven years before they, "cried out to God?"
2. Read Judges 6:7-10. After crying out to God, He sent them a prophet who told them the reason they were being oppressed. However, the people didn't seem to have listened to the prophet because, as we will see next week (from Judges 6:27-30), they didn't stop their idol worship. What ways do we "hear from God" today? Why do you think, when we hear from God, we don't respond immediately?
3. Go back to Judges Chapter 2. Read 2:6-16. We see there, a cycle of rebellion. The people rebelled through idolatry and disbelief; God brought judgment through foreign oppression; God raises up a deliverer, or Judge, to deliver them; The people repented and turned back to God. When the people fell back into sin, the cycle started all over again. Do you think the same kind of cycle happens today? Why do you think we don't recognise the signs?
4. Read 2:10. From this we see there was a cycle that took place within the generations of people. First, a generation that knew God. Then a generation that knew about God, which led to a generation that didn't know God. Explain why you think this happens in families. What can we do to stop the cycle? (By the way, it is never too late to do the right thing)
5. Read Judges 6:11-16. What do you think Gideon's initial reaction was to seeing the angel? Do you think you might have had an interaction with an angel? (Read Hebrews 13:2)
6. What was the angel's greeting to Gideon (v.12)? What two main things do we learn from what he said to him?
7. Gideon didn't think that the Lord was with him (v.13). What does this say about Gideon's relationship to God at this time? Why do you think Gideon couldn't see the relationship between Israel's sin and God's judgement? Do we see the relationship between sin and judgement in our lives personally? (Note: In this case, God's judgement was on the nation as a whole and would have affected those who were seeking to live Godly lives as well as the ungodly - Do you think that we see this happening in our world today?)

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