

LOSERS

AND

LEADERS

FROM JUDGES TO JESUS



November 17, 2024 ~ 10:15am

REDEEMER BY THE SEA ~ "A PLACE TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN"

We are honored to recognize our niche in God's Kingdom work. Here we will faithfully worship and teach in alignment with God's Word and we're a small enough fellowship where you can know and be known by most of the people around you if that's your desire. Here you will be missed if you're gone and prayed for when you have needs. You are welcome to contact the office (kay@redeemerbythesea.org) or Pastor D directly (dhilken@redeemerbythesea.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS: www.RedeemerbytheSea.org

TODAY	9:45am	Voter's Meeting Shoebboxes due today
Nov. 19 th	5:30pm	Chili Cook-Off & Movie Night
Nov. 21 st	9:00am	Rescheduled LWM Service Project
Nov. 27 th	5:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Dec. 6 th	9:30am	Decorating the Church
Dec. 7 th	9:00am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Dec. 7 th	1:00pm	Drop and Shop

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Build My Life"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

"Ever Be"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

KIDZONE & RISE DISMISSAL

A READING FROM JUDGES 6

Lord, may all your enemies die like Sisera! But may those who love you rise like the sun in all its power!" Then there was peace in the land for forty years.

(6:1) The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight. So the Lord handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. ² The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. ... ⁷ When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, ⁸ the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. ⁹ I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. ¹⁰ I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."

¹¹ Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. ¹² The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

¹³ "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

¹⁴ Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

¹⁵ "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

¹⁶ The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

¹⁷ Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the Lord speaking to me. ¹⁸ Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until you return." ¹⁹ Gideon hurried home. He cooked a young goat, and with a basket of flour he baked some bread without yeast. Then, carrying the meat in a basket and the broth in a pot, he brought them out and presented them to the angel, who was under the great tree.

²⁰ The angel of God said to him, "Place the meat and the unleavened bread on this rock, and pour the broth over it." And Gideon did as he was told. ²¹ Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. ²² When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign Lord, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" ²³ "It is all right," the Lord replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die."

²⁴ And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the Lord is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

²⁵ That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. ²⁶ Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."

²⁷ So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town. ²⁸ Early the next morning, as the people of the town began to stir, someone discovered that the altar of Baal had been broken down and that the Asherah pole beside it had been cut down. In their place a new altar had been built, and on it were the remains of the bull that had been sacrificed.

²⁹ The people said to each other, "Who did this?" And after asking around and making a careful search, they learned that it was Gideon, the son of Joash. ³⁰ "Bring out your son," the men of the town demanded of Joash. "He must die for destroying the altar of Baal and for cutting down the Asherah pole." ³¹ But Joash shouted to the mob that confronted him, "Why are you defending Baal? Will you

argue his case? Whoever pleads his case will be put to death by morning! If Baal truly is a god, let him defend himself and destroy the one who broke down his altar!" ³² From then on Gideon was called Jerub-baal, which means "Let Baal defend himself," because he broke down Baal's altar.

³³ Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel.

³⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him. ³⁵ He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, summoning their warriors, and all of them responded.

³⁶ Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, ³⁷ prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised."

³⁸ And that is just what happened. When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Please don't be angry with me, but let me make one more request. Let me use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew." ⁴⁰ So that night God did as Gideon asked. The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew.

MESSAGE

"Gideon"

Pastor D. R. Hilken

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Battle Belongs"

WORSHIP | GROW | SERVE

OFFERINGS: Visitors: please consider yourselves our guests and do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. In faithful obedience and joyful response to God's grace in our lives, we humbly and gratefully bring our tithes (a regular first portion percentage of our income) and offerings (gifts over and above our tithes for other kingdom work). You may deposit your envelope, check, or cash in the box next to the exit; give online with your phone using the QR code at right, or text "GIVE" to 442-222-2448. All of these options are also available on our website: www.redeemerbythesea.org/donate/*



VOTER'S MEETING: Today at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. The only item on the agenda is to approve refinancing RBTS's mortgage loan. Please contact Kim Glassman with any questions: President@redeemerbythesea.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoeboxes are due today! REQUEST: We need someone to help deliver the boxes this week, to a local collection site. If you can help, please contact Kerry@redeemerbythesea.org.

ANGEL TREE IN THE LOBBY: We are thrilled to share that RBTS will once again be providing \$25 gift cards to children of active-duty Marines at Camp Pendleton. You can help make a difference by taking one or more angels from the tree in the lobby, each representing a specific child in need. *Here's what's new:* You now have several ways to sponsor a child: 1) make a check payable to RBTS, pay cash in the church lobby or purchase online and we will pick up a gift card for you. 2) Buy a \$25 gift card on your own from Amazon, Walmart or Target and return it to the church by **Sun. Dec. 18th**. The handmade Angel Ornaments are yours to keep. We sincerely thank you for your faithful service and generosity. Questions? Email Stepholivero@san.rr.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF & MOVIE NIGHT: Men, battle it out for the coveted RBTS Grand Prize by bringing your famous chili to a *Chili Cook-off*, on **Tues., Nov. 19th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Everyone else is asked to bring your favorite chili fixins. Following the potluck, we will watch the movie "Unsung Hero". Sign up online for a fun family night at Redeemer.

LWM SERVICE PROJECT DAY RESCHEDULED: Join us at **9:00am** on **Thurs. Nov. 21st**, LWM will create 20 Christmas table centerpieces to share with clients of Solutions for Change.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Sat. Dec. 7th from 9:00am-10:45am. Join us for a time of fellowship and men's study. Register online select a breakfast burrito from Valerie's Tacos.

DROP AND SHOP SERVE TEAM NEEDED: Sat. Dec. 7th If you are high school-aged and above, and willing to give your time at this event, please sign up online. Hours are 12-5:30pm to help set up and clean up. Sign-up online. Contact **Rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org** with questions.

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN for time to Christmas shop while the kids enjoy crafts, decorating cookies, playtime and a movie! Cost is \$25/child. Space is limited so sign up your child(ren), ages 1-9 years old, today on our website.



GIDEON

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“everyone did what was right in their own eyes” ~ not evil ~ victims
“what was evil in the sight of the Lord” ~ the prophet points to God’s word

- A) God rules regardless of your belief
- B) God rules _____ regardless of your belief
- C) Sometimes the victims are the villains
- D) People want lives to change-God wants _____ to change
- E) Repentance, not tolerance, leads to deliverance
- F) Beware of counterfeits (the force vs the dark side)
- G) Beware ~ compromise often leads to apostasy

The sin cycle: rebellion~retribution~repentance~rescue --- _____

Verse 7~ God’s Prophet --- Verse 11 ~ _____

FEAR: it’s not a sin for fear to visit~it’s a sin to put him in the guest room

PEACE is not the absence of the problem~it’s the _____ of God

Worship is the perfect starting place for peace. (vs 18)

in worship~things might not change _____

Gideon’s faith is tested and generational sin challenged (cut _____ paste)

A faith axiom: If God has already spoken ~ you don’t need a sign

How am I like Gideon? _____ ~ _____ ~ _____