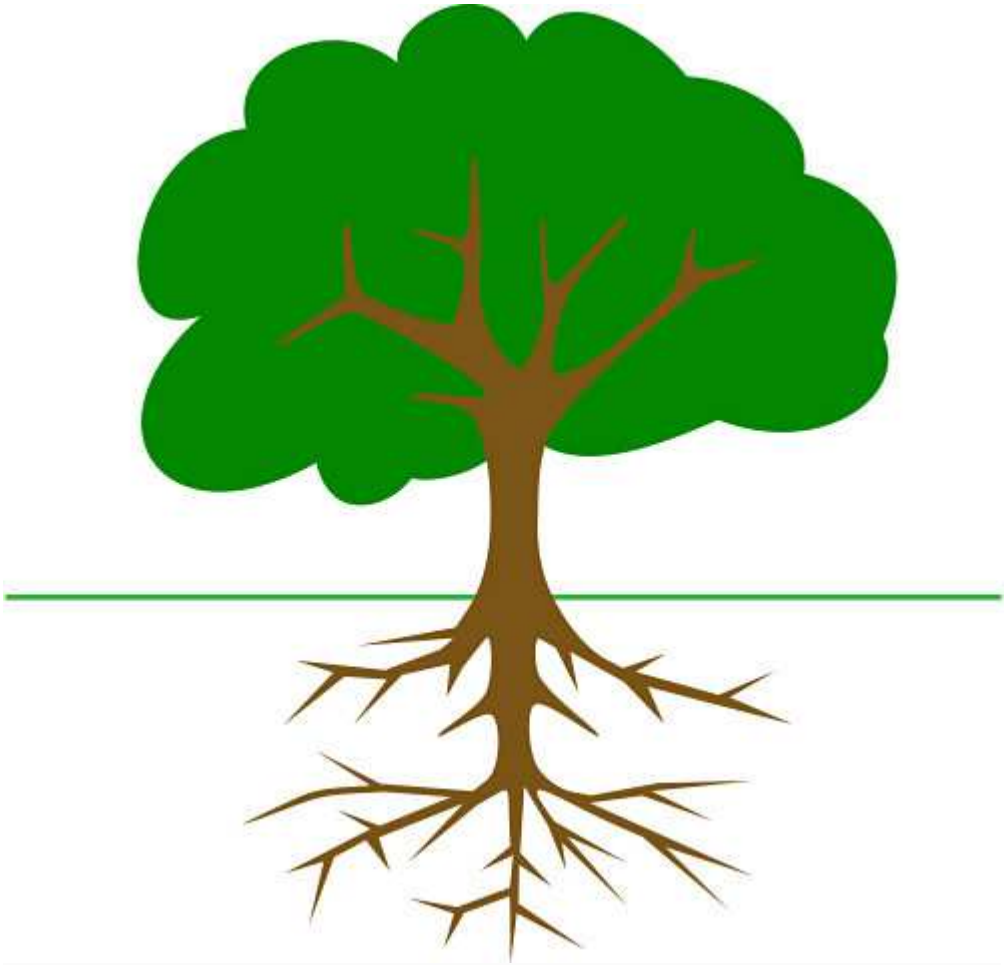

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Sunday School Devotion Book
Fall 2008

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Welcome to Sunday School!

This fall we are studying the books of Joshua and Judges. Do people tell you that you should follow God? Ever wonder what that really means? This term as you study these two books you will realize that God does have a plan for YOU and promises to guide you as you seek to follow, serve and obey Him.

This book contains daily devotions that build upon the Scriptures you are studying in Sunday School. This will help you to have what is called a Quiet Time. Or a Daily Devotion. It's time spent daily with God in His Word. It's not deep Bible study (although it can be!), but it is a time when you spend a few moments reading the Bible and reflecting upon how it applies to your life right now. Each week's Bible study includes Bible readings for every day of the week and something to help you think through the meaning and implications of that passage for your life. Use the blank pages or grab a notebook and write down things such as:

*Note the **KEY IDEA** of each passage.
*Write specific ways that **APPLICATION** can be made of that key idea
*Write a **SUMMARY** of the truth of the passage.
*Note any **QUESTIONS** or thoughts for further study.

You may also want to write down prayer requests for yourself of others during the week.

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Week of September 7th—13th

Sunday

Read Joshua 1:1-5.
What promises did God give Joshua?
What do you think was the most important promise?
Has God made the same promise of His constant presence to you? Explain.
Thank God for His presence in your life and His promise to never leave you.

Monday

Read Joshua 1:6-9.
Why did God tell Joshua three times to be strong and courageous?
What difficult tasks are you facing where you need strength and courage?
What causes you to be discouraged and afraid?
Confess your trust in the Lord to guide you and carry you through difficult times. Ask Him to increase your strength and courage.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 1:6-9.
What was God's instruction about His Word?
Is success still found by keeping God's Word? Explain.
Spend time today meditating on this passage. Pray it back to God expressing your desire to carefully observe His Word and not turn away from it.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 1:10-18.
How do you think the people felt on the verge of crossing into the promised land?
Why did Joshua remind the people of God's promises?
Do you ever need to be reminded of God's promises? Explain.
Thank God for His promises to you. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of God's promises as you face today's challenges.

Thursday
Read Joshua 2:1-7.
How did Rahab show courage?
What could have been the consequences of helping the people of Israel?
Are you willing to go against the tide to follow God? Explain.
Pray for courage to do what's right even when it's hard. Be willing to do courageous things for the kingdom.

Friday
Read Joshua 2:8-14.
Why did Rahab help the spies?
How do you think she and the other people of Jericho heard all that God was doing for and through the Israelites?
Are people hearing of God's great work in and through you? Why or why not?
Pray that your life would be shining example of the great power of God. Express your willingness to allow God to work through you in mighty ways.

Saturday
Read Hebrews 11:30-31.
Why was Rahab an unlikely hero of the faith?
Have you ever felt you were unworthy to be used of God because of past sin? Explain.
Thank God that He uses imperfect people to accomplish His purpose. Pray that God would use you today.

Pray today that the advice you offer and the suggestions you give will not be based simply on your own opinion, but rather filled with God's wisdom and grounded in His Word.

Thursday

Read Judges 20:1-10.

The Israelites claimed to come together and seek the Lord's guidance on fighting the Benjamites, but according to verse 8, who offered the verdict?

Is there any mention of God in verses 8-10?

When have you rushed into a situation or decision without consulting God?

What happened?

Pray today and thank God for His desire to guide your decisions.

Friday

Read Judges 21:16-24.

The Israelites sought a resolution to the problem of restoring the tribe of Benjamin and resorted to their own methods with little consideration of God.

Instead of acting like God's chosen people, the nation of Israel better resembled the Canaanite people, although they claimed to be God's children.

How have you acted like the world around you rather than a child of God?

How did your actions affect your witness for God?

Pray today that your actions and behavior will bring glory to God and identify you as His child.

Saturday

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 and Judges 21:25.

What is it like when light has fellowship with darkness?

How was the Israelites' attitude similar to this concept?

How have you seen this contrast lived out in your own life experience?

What can you do to be separate from darkness, but still engaged with people who walk in darkness?

When have you let your desires get in the way of God's?

Pray that God would show you this fine balance, and that your light would grow stronger in contrast to darkness. Pray also that you would find friends and family who are walking in darkness but are willing to talk about your light, and that you would have the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus.

Week of December 21st—27th

Sunday

Read Judges 17:1-4.

How does Micah's mother respond to her son's acknowledgment that he stole her money?

What does it mean to consecrate something to God?

Micah's mother consecrated all of the silver, yet only gave five pounds to the silversmith. When have you been tempted to give part of what God has asked rather than the whole?

Pray today that you will serve God will all, not just part, of your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Monday

Read Judges 17:5-6.

Take a look at your life. If you were building a shrine, what does your life say it would be centered around?

When have you chosen to do whatever you wanted with little regard for God's instructions? What happened?

Pray that your life will be centered on God and His standards.

Tuesday

Read Judges 18:30-31.

What idols have you been guilty of setting up for yourself?

When have you looked to people who weren't godly leaders for leadership?

To whom have you looked for spiritual and moral leadership today? Why?

Pray that the people you follow are godly leaders who also challenge you to be a godly role model.

Wednesday

Read Judges 19:23-24.

The man rightfully rebuked the townspeople for their sinful desires, then offered his own suggestion, what seemed right to him, as a solution.

When have you been tempted to rely on your own understanding rather than God's to solve a problem?

What happened?

When have you offered advice without seeking God's guidance or consulting His Word?

Week of September 14th—20th

Sunday
Read Joshua 3:1-6.
Why were the people to consecrate themselves?
What does it mean to be consecrated?
Consecrate yourself. Ask God to cleanse you and make you clean before Him. Share with Christ your desire that He be the Lord of every area of your life.

Monday
Read Joshua 3:9-17.
How was God going to show His power?
How did the Israelites display their faith?
Do you obey Christ without hesitation? Why or why not?
What changes will you make to do so?
Pray that you would have the faith to obey without conditions or hesitation.

Tuesday
Read Joshua 4:1-7.
What was the purpose of the stones?
How was this to be a spiritual marker for the Israelites?
What spiritual markers do you have?
Thank God for the spiritual markers in your life. Take time to reflect on how God has worked in your past and express your willingness for God to continue to work in and through you.

Wednesday
Read Joshua 4:8-18.
How do you think the Israelites felt after seeing a great miracle?
How have you seen God work miraculously in your life? In your church?
Thank God for being a miracle-working God. Thank Him for the ways He has worked miraculously in your life.

Thursday

Read Joshua 4:19-24.

The Israelites were to pass their faith along to the generations that followed them.

Who has been instrumental in passing the faith along to you?

How have they passed the faith along?

Take a moment to thank God for the people who have passed spiritual truth on to you. Make a commitment to pass the faith along to those who come behind you.

Friday

Read Joshua 5:1-9.

What do these verses tell you about the importance of obedience?

How obedient have you been to God's call in the past?

What changes will you make in order to be more obedient?

Ask God to show you areas of disobedience. Confess those areas to God and commit to following Him in obedience.

Saturday

Read Joshua 5:10-12.

How had God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness?

What are some "wildernesses," or tough times, you've experienced?

How did God provide for you during those times?

Reflect on how God has provided for you. Thank Him for supplying all your need.

Thursday

Read Judges 14:10-20.

In verse 10, the Hebrew word for "feast," *misteh,* refers to a seven day bout of drinking. How does this go against Samson's Nazirite vow?

Good comes from Samson only when the Spirit of the Lord overpowers him and pushes him toward delivering his people from the Philistines.

How often do you allow God to work through you? Is it a daily occurrence or less frequent? Why?

What will you do today to allow God to work through you?

Thank God for the honor being a part of His work. Ask Him to work through you today.

Friday

Read Judges 15:6-11.

Samson said, "Because you did this, I'm going to get my revenge, and then I'm going to quit."

When have you had a similar attitude?

How does this attitude reflect on God?

What changes will you make today to ensure that your attitudes bring glory to God?

Write a prayer confessing your attitudes that don't bring glory to God.

Saturday

Read Hebrews 11:32-40.

Many people are listed here, along with an impressive set of accomplishments. Search the Scriptures and find out one reason each of the people listed in verse 32 (Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel) are included in this "Hall of Fame."

What about them inspires you to be and do more for God?

Pray that God would increase your faith in His ability to accomplish great things through you.

Week of December 14th—20th

Sunday
Read Judges 13:1.
The Israelites had once again fallen into their cycle of disobedience.
When are you apt to fall back on your old ways?
Have you fallen into a pattern of disobedience this week?
Use your prayer time to repent and return to God.

Monday
Read Judges 13:3-5.
The angel of the Lord laid out a set of standards by which Samson was to live.
What are the standards for your life?
What was God's role in setting these standards for your life?
Thank God for the standards He has placed in your life in prayer today.

Tuesday
Read Judges 14:1-4.
Why was it a big deal that Samson wanted to marry a Philistine woman?
How did this go against the standards God had set for him?
When have you lived in defiance of God's standards?
What were the costs of your actions?
Examine your life today. Are you living in defiance to God today?
If so, pray, seeking His forgiveness and restoration.

Wednesday
Read Judges 14:5-9.
Samson killed a lion and a community of bees began producing honey inside the carcass.
Why would eating this honey go against Samson's Nazirite vow?
When have you faced a test of your character or been tempted to go against God's standards?
When have you attempted to involve other people in things that fly in the face of God's standards?
What steps have you taken to avoid those temptations today?
In your prayer time, ask God to help you deal with temptation in ways that will glorify Him.

Week of September 21st—27th

Sunday

Read Joshua 5:13-15.

Joshua experienced a divine encounter. Think back to a time when you've experienced such a divine encounter with God. What happened? How did you respond?

How does recognizing God's holiness affect your ability to trust and obey Him?

What does God want to say to you today? How will you respond?

Express to God your desire to follow His will perfectly. Ask Him to give you strength when the road before you may be difficult.

Monday

Read Joshua 6:1-14.

What did God instruct Joshua and the Israelites to do?

What was Joshua's response to God's instructions?

How would you describe your obedience to God? Do you immediately obey Him? Why or why not?

What is one thing that is keeping you from being immediately obedient to God's directions?

Ask God to point out what hinders you from obedience to Him. Confess the obstacles and seek God's help in overcoming them.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 7:6-9.

What was Joshua's response when the Israelites were humiliated at Ai? Why?

When have you responded similarly? Explain.

When you don't understand or like the consequences of your actions, how often do you blame others or God? Why?

Confess times you have blamed God for your own faults. Ask God to help you take responsibility for your actions.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 7:19-23.

Why did Achan say he took the spoils from Jericho?

What does it mean to covet something?

What types of things do you covet?

How can coveting something be destructive?

Ask God to help you be content with what you have. Thank God for blessing you and providing for you.

Thursday

Read Genesis 16:1-12.

As Abram and Sarai became impatient with God's timing, they began to doubt His promises and took matters into their own hands. How have you been tempted to take things into your own hands and "fix" God's plan?

When have you been impatient with God?

What blessings of God's did you forfeit because of your disobedience?

Pray that God would give you patience to wait on Him.

Friday

Read Genesis 22:1-18.

In this passage, God called Abraham do something very difficult: sacrifice his son who was the result of God's covenant with him. Why was that such a big deal?

Why is it important that Abraham was obedient to God's instructions?

What is something God may be calling you to sacrifice in order to obey Him completely?

Ask God to show you what hinders your relationship with Him. If there is something blocking the relationship, lay it before God and place Him as the priority of your life.

Saturday

Read Psalm 119:9-16.

Why is the psalmist so enthralled with God's Words and directions?

What does it mean to "treasure" God's Word in your heart?

Do you feel this way about God's Word? Explain.

How are you treasuring it in your heart?

Reflect on this passage of Scripture and pray it back to God.

Commit to treasure His Word in your heart.

Part of being a good leader is embodying the qualities of leadership God desires. David was faithful to both his vow and his friend.
Pray about how you can show extravagant kindness to your friends today.
In your prayer today, thank God for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you find ways to express your faithfulness today.

Thursday
Read Job 27:2-6.
Determine what was Job's vow.
What is the underlying message of Job's vow?
How does this relate to being a good leader?
What does it mean to "maintain" your integrity?
A good leader knows that the key to success is depending upon God in all things. How do these verses showcase that idea?
Pray against the times you may be prone to rebel against God.

Friday
Read Mark 6:22-23.
What was Herod's vow?
Search the verses that follow. Did he keep his vow?
How is Herod an example of a bad leader?
Pray against making promises that are not worth keeping, against those promises which would harm others.

Saturday
Read Genesis 28:20.
What was Jacob's vow?
Did Jacob keep his vow?
Being a leader means following God, even when it's difficult.
What difficulties are you facing in following God completely?
Pray that God would give you boldness and courage to make difficult, but good, decisions.

Week of November 30th—December 6th

Sunday

Read Judges 10:6-10.

What idols have you allowed to take the place of God in your life?

How has your cycle of disobedience left you crushed and shattered?

When have your sinful actions led to a consequence of oppression?

What oppression do you need to cry out to God about today?

Pray about the areas of oppression you see in your life and confess the things you've allowed to take God's place in your life.

Monday

Read Judges 10:11-18.

Why did the Israelites cry out for God to deliver them?

When have you cried out for deliverance? Why?

The Israelites recognized their sin and cried out to God in repentance.

In what areas of your life do you need to seek repentance?

Find a quiet, private place and cry out to God in prayer today, seeking repentance in the areas you have identified.

Tuesday

Read Judges 12:1-3.

Why were the men of Ephraim upset with Jephthah?

What was Jephthah's response?

When have you been disappointed in someone's failure to help you out of a tough situation?

What have you taken into your own hands to handle without consulting God?

What steps will you take to depend completely on God for all things today?

Write a letter to God as a prayer today, thanking Him for being dependable.

Wednesday

Read 2 Samuel 9:7.

Jephthah's vow caused him a lot of anguish. What was David's vow in these verses?

Search the verses that follow. Did David keep his vow?

Week of October 5th—11th

Sunday

Read Joshua 8:1-2.
What happened the first time the Israelites attacked Ai?
What was going to be the difference with this attack?
Has God ever given you a second chance to accomplish something for Him? Explain.
Thank God for giving second chances to accomplish His purposes.

Monday

Read Joshua 8:3-9.
How did Joshua reassure his troops before the battle (v. 7)?
How much easier is it to face difficult situations when you are confident God is in control of the outcome?
What does it take to have that kind of confidence?
Pray that God would give you assurance of His sovereignty over your life.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 8:10-29.
How do you reconcile stories like this with the fact that God is a loving God?
Why would He command the Israelites to kill all the people of Ai?
What things are in your life that cause you to compromise your commitment to Christ?
How difficult is it to get rid of those things? Why?
Spend time reflecting on your commitment to Christ. Ask God to reveal ways you are compromising your commitment to Him. Confess the areas of compromise and commit to whole-hearted devotion.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 8:30-35.
Why did Joshua copy the law of Moses on stones and then read it to the people?
Why do we need to be reminded of God's commands?
Which commands do you tend to forget or ignore?
Take a moment to write a list of some of God's commands from His Word. Reflect on the list and then pray the list back to God, committing to follow His commands.

Thursday
Read Joshua 9:1-2.
Why did all the kings form an alliance?
Are you a powerful force in the kingdom of God? Why or why not?
How can you be?
Ask God to help you be strong and powerful in His strength. Pray that He would allow you to win great victories for Him.

Friday
Read Joshua 9:3-15.
How did the Gibeonites deceive Joshua and the people of Israel?
What was the major mistake made by the Israelites? (v. 14)
Why is it important to make important decisions without seeking the Lord's counsel?
How can you seek the Lord's counsel?
Lay your plans and situations before the Lord today and seek His counsel about what you should do. Listen closely in the days ahead for His answer and follow His guidance.

Saturday
Read Joshua 9:16-27.
Why did the Gibeonites deceive the Israelites?
What did it cost the Gibeonites? What did it cost the Israelites?
Why is there always consequences to compromise?
Ask God to reveal how the enemy is deceiving you. Turn away from His deception and follow God in truth.

How do you handle anger, particularly when it's directed at you or your choices?
How is Gideon an example of dealing with angry people?
How have you dealt with anger today? Does it reflect a godly attitude? Why or why not?
In times of anger today, seek God's guidance in prayer. Pray that He would shine through you rather than your angry emotions.

Thursday

Read Judges 8:3-21.
Why was the teen in verse 20 in this story afraid?
When have you been afraid because your life seems to be out-of-control?
When have you been scared to act on God's call just because you're young?
What scares you today about what God is calling you to do?
How will you respond to God's call even though you're scared?
Pray about what God is calling you to do and steps you can take today to answer that call obediently.

Friday

Read Judges 9:22-40.
When have you felt ambushed by others in your life?
What were the results?
When are you most likely to "mouth off" (Judg. 9:38)?
Evaluate your words today. Have you been gossiping and secretly ambushing others with your words behind their backs or have you been mouthing off to their faces?
Seek forgiveness in prayer today for ways you have used your mouth to ambush others.

Saturday

Read Judges 9:41-57.
How did Abimelech reap what he sowed in these verses?
When Abimelech died, everyone stopped fighting and went home. Why?
When have you been the leader of conflict and dissension?
Evaluate your actions today. What have you sown today?
Pray about any areas of conflict or dissension that may be affecting your life today.

Week of November 23rd—29th

Sunday

Read Judges 6:25-32.
What did God call Gideon to do?
How did he respond?
What altars or idols have you constructed in your life that take your focus away from God and His call?
What steps will you take this week to tear down these altars and follow God completely?
Ask God for His help in helping you to tear down the altars and other gods you've been following instead of Him in your prayer time today.

Monday

Read Judges 7:1-8.
Why did God say He was whittling down Gideon's army?
Why was going into battle with only 300 men such a big deal?
God's plan seemed utterly absurd. You don't win a battle against a huge army with just a few warriors, but God wanted the Israelites to depend on Him and know that He had accomplished this.
When has God used an impossible situation to help you recognize His power and your need to depend upon Him?
With what do you need to trust Him today?
Pray, thanking God for always being in control. Declare your dependence on Him.

Tuesday

Read Judges 7:9-14.
Why was Gideon scared?
What did God provide to ease Gideon's fears?
What do you do when something in your life causes you to worry or be afraid?
When has God calmed your fears? How?
What fears do you need to lift up to Him today?
Write down a list of things that you're afraid of today, then lift this list up to God in prayer.

Wednesday

Read Judges 7:24-8:2.
Why were the men of Ephraim arguing with Gideon?
How did Gideon handle their anger?

Week of October 12th –18th

Sunday

Read Joshua 10:5-7.

What are some things in your world today that might leave your friends and peers feeling abandoned and helpless?

Who are some people in your life who might be feeling lost and abandoned?

How will you come to their defense in God's name today?

Ask God to reveal to you people who need you to come to their defense. Pray for courage to do so.

Monday

Read Joshua 10:8.

When you're really honest with yourself, what are some of your biggest fears? Why?

According to this passage, how well do your fears stand up to God? Explain.

What fears do you need to give over to God today?

What steps will you take to trust God with the things that scare you most?

Release your fears to God and trust Him with your scary situations.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 10:11-13.

How did God move miraculously on the Israelites' behalf?

How has He moved miraculously on your behalf?

Why is it difficult for you to believe that God has the power to overcome all of your obstacles, worries, and fears?

What steps will you take to rest in the knowledge of His power?

Rest in God's power. Express your trust in Him and thank Him for working powerfully on your behalf.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 10:14-15.

What does it mean that the "Lord fought for Israel"?

How has the Lord fought for you?

How does it make you feel to know that God is always there for you?

How has God stood beside you today? this week? this month? the past several years?

Thank God for being there for you and for fighting for you.

Thursday

Read Joshua 10:16-21.
What did these five kings represent?
Why did the Israelites have to kill the kings?
What are the things you've allowed to be a part of your life even though they might be compromising your full obedience to God?
What steps will you take today to remove these compromises from your life?
Pray for courage to remove the things that cause you to compromise your commitment.

Friday

Read Joshua 10:22-25.
Why did the Israelites put their feet on the kings' necks?
What are some things in your life that are keeping you from living victoriously for Christ?
What steps will you take this week to put these things under your feet?
Ask God to help you live victoriously in Him. Release those things that may be causing you to feel defeated.

Saturday

Read Joshua 11:23.
Moses left a legacy of faith for Joshua.
Who in your life has left a legacy of faith? Why?
What is your legacy of faith? Explain.
What steps will you take this week to leave a legacy of faith?
Thank God for the people who have left you a legacy of faith. Pray that you would live a life worthy of being imitated.

Thursday

Read Judges 5:1-3.

Why did Deborah and Barak sing a song of praise?

What does it mean to offer yourself willingly to the Lord? How are you doing that?

For what things could you write a song of praise to God today?

Write your own song of praise and offer it to God as a prayer today.

Friday

Read Judges 5:24-27.

Why is a portion of this praise song devoted to Jael?

For what things you have done would someone be able to praise God?

How can simple things—things that don't seem like they might make a big impact—really make a difference?

Pray that God will use you and your life to make an impact for Him on someone today.

Saturday

Read Judges 5:31.

What was the result of Deborah's and Barak's actions?

What does it mean to be like the sun?

On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your love for God? How would God rate your love for Him?

Thank God for His boundless love for you. Pray that your love for Him may affect every part of your life.

Week of November 16th—22nd

Sunday

Read Judges 3:7-11.
When did God offer help to the Israelites?
How often do you call to God for help when you are in distress?
After God delivered the people, what happened?
How has God brought peace into your life? (Compare to Phil. 4:9.)
Write a prayer thanking God for the peace He provides in your life.

Monday

Read Judges 3:12-30.
What are some interesting things in this story?
How did God use Ehud's left-handedness to deliver the Israelites?
What are some unique talents or abilities that you have that God could use for His glory?
How can you use them for God today?
Seek ways God could use your talents and gifts in His work in prayer today.

Tuesday

Read Judges 4:4-10.
Barak was hesitant in his obedience.
When have you been hesitant to obey God's instructions?
What opportunities to bring glory to Him have you missed because of hesitance?
How will you boldly obey God today?
Pray, asking God to help you respond boldly to His call.

Wednesday

Read Judges 4:14-16.
When it is evident that God is going before you, what is the proper response?
What happened in this story as a result of following God's leadership?
What has God given you that you need to claim today?
What has God has been leading you to do that you have not done?
Thank God in prayer for His leadership in your life.

Week of October 19th—25th

Sunday

Read Joshua 13:8-13 (and scan the rest of the chapter).
What kind of inheritance have your parents, or you, received from relatives?
How does the division of land reveal God's love for the people? for you?
How has God taken care of you in the past?
Thank God for the way He has directed your life. Trust your future to Him.

Monday

Read Joshua 13:14,32-33.
The Levites were the tribe of priests who ministered to the entire nation of Israel.
What did the Levites receive as an inheritance? Why?
What have you received from the Lord?
What are you doing with what God has given you? In what ways are you honoring Him?
Is God truly enough for you or do you look for fulfillment in other stuff?
Express to God your desire for Him to be all that you need.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 14:6-12.
What did Caleb want? Why?
What promises has God made to you that you need to claim?
How did Caleb know he could take the land?
Do you have Caleb-like confidence in God? Why or why not?
What will you do to develop that type of confidence in God?
Pray that God would give you courage and faith like Caleb.

Wednesday

Read Joshua 16:4-10.
What is said against the tribe of Ephraim (v. 10)?
What is the danger of disobeying God?
What are you holding onto in your life that God has instructed you to remove? Why?
What is the danger in this pattern?
What changes will you make this week to remove these thing from your life?

Ask God to help you be fully obedient to Him today. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you see temptation coming and give you courage to avoid or resist it.

Thursday

Read Joshua 20:1-4.
What was the significance of the cities of refuge?
Why did God provide this for the people?
How does God provide forgiveness for your sin?
Have you sought God's forgiveness today? Why or why not?
Thank God for being a refuge for you. Praise Him for being a God who is compassionate and forgiving.

Friday

Read Joshua 21:1-4.
What was given to the Levites? Why?
How do we show appreciation to church staff members today?
What can you do this week to show appreciation to your youth pastor or pastor?
Take time to pray for each member of your church staff. Pray also for your Sunday School teacher and other youth leaders by name.

Saturday

Read Joshua 21:43-45.
What had God promised to the Israelites?
What did God give the Israelites?
How many of God's promises does He fulfill?
What are some of God's promises?
How do these promises affect you today?
Reflect on some of God's promises. Thank Him that the promises He gives are personal to you.

If you feel like the hand of God is against you, what might be the cause?
Compare what you gain from the temporary pleasure of giving in to temptation with what you gain from obeying God.
Pray that your actions and words would point people to Christ.

Thursday

Read Judges 2:16-19.
How did God demonstrate His love for the Israelites even though they turned from Him?
In what ways does God continue to show His love for you, even when you are living in disobedience?
In what ways might your life (actions/attitudes) reflect the Israelites' cycle of disobedience?
Praise God for being faithful. Thank Him for always being there for you even when you are faithless.

Friday

Read Judges 2:20-22.
What makes God angry?
How do these verses compare with James 1:2-5?
What was God testing? How would you do in this test?
Recall some periods of testing in your life. What did you learn about God and your faith in those times?
How can testing strengthen your faith?
Thank God for the times of testing in your life. Continue to submit yourself to Him so that He can conform you to the image of Christ.

Saturday

Read Judges 3:1-6.
In what ways did God want to test the Israelites?
What is disturbing about verse 6?
In what ways does your life reflect the current culture?
What worldly attitudes and ideals should you turn over to God?
Pray that you would look more like Christ and less like the world every day.

Week of November 9th—15th

Sunday

Read Judges 1:4-8.

When God was on their side, what were the Israelites able to accomplish?

If you were to accomplish anything for God that you desired, what would be the first thing on your list? Why?

How well are you representing the power of God in your life to others?

Pray that God would help you display His power in your life.

Monday

Read Judges 1:19-21.

Why might these verses be considered sad verses?

What was the danger of not driving out all of the people of the land?

What is the danger in your life of not getting rid of everything that is not of God?

Ask God to reveal the things that linger in your life that are not pleasing to Him. Confess those and commit to walk in ways that please God.

Tuesday

Read Judges 2:1-5.

What happened in these verses?

What reason did God give for not helping the people?

Is there any way that you have disobeyed God this week?

The name *Bochim* means *weeping*. Why is this appropriate?

Is there a place of "Bochim" in your life? What happened? Where? When?

How can you continue to worship God even when you're in a place of Bochim?

Be broken before God today over your sinfulness. Repent of your sin and express your desire to live a holy life.

Wednesday

Read Judges 2:10-15.

When people look at your lifestyle, can they see evidence of God? Explain.

What attitudes in your life might provoke God to anger?

Week of October 26th—November 1st

Sunday

Read Joshua 22:5.

If God were to grade your obedience to His commands, what grade would you receive?

Is there a sin you need to confess related to obeying God's commands?

What are some specific ways of God in which you need to walk?

With what percentage of your heart and soul are you serving God right now?

Pledge to serve God with all of your heart and soul. Commit to walk in His ways in all things.

Monday

Read Joshua 22:21-23.

A disagreement and misunderstanding arose among some of the tribes of Israel.

When someone accuses you of something, how do you feel? How do you respond?

Is there anything in your life (attitude, action, or demonstration) that someone might take the wrong way or a way that would cause them to think less of Christianity?

Can you honestly say that everything you do is done to honor God? Why or why not?

In what way might you have accidentally or purposefully constructed your "own altar"?

Search your heart for any "altars" you may have set up. Confess those to God and place Him at the center of your life.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 22:31-34.

The disagreement was resolved and the relationship was restored.

What was the first thing that happened after the relationship was restored?

When was the last time you praised God for working out a disagreement?

What about your life would lead someone to identify you as a Christian (the Lord is your God)?

Ask God to give you courage to reconcile relationships that need to be restored.

Wednesday
Read Joshua 23:6-8.
How are these words similar to those in Joshua 1?
Who spoke the words in Joshua 1? in Joshua 23? What does this tell you about Joshua?
How do you live out God's Word?
Thank God for His Word and make a new commitment to read, study, memorize, and live by it.

Thursday
Read Joshua 23:12-13.
What will happen if you do not follow God wholeheartedly?
What snares or traps do you recognize in your life? What can you do about them?
The threat of spiritual adultery is very real—giving your devotion to things other than God. In what areas might you be committing spiritual adultery?
Confess your spiritual adultery to God. Pray that He would help you love and serve Him only.

Friday
Read Joshua 24:5-7.
Why did Joshua remind the people of the events related to the exodus from Egypt?
How has God acted on your behalf in the past?
Why is it important to remember how God has worked?
What work of God have you seen with your own eyes?
Reflect on how God has worked in your life in the past. Thank Him for how His presence and power has been displayed in you.

Saturday
Read Joshua 24:29-33.
Joshua had a legacy. If you honestly evaluated your life right now, what would your spiritual legacy be? Why?
Why were these men treated with such respect?
Who are the elders of the faith in your life?
What can you do today to express your appreciation to them?
Thank God the elders of the faith in your life. Ask God to help you live out the spiritual lessons and truths you have learned from them.