

Gideon : Trusting in God when we are weak

Have a quick read through Judges 6. How would you characterise…
…the situation of Israel?
…the character of Gideon?

How has Gideon been prepared by the end of chapter 6?

In Judges 7:2, why can't Gideon keep his whole army? Why does it matter what Israel might say?

How might we fall into the trap of relying on ourselves rather than God?

> *Think about what it would be like to rely on yourself when you feel strong and capable - what does that lead to? What about relying on yourself when you feel weak and out of your depth?*

Gideon needed one last reassurance - see verses 9 to 14. How does this reflect the kindness of God, especially given everything we've seen so far?

How does the cross of Jesus change how we think about weakness? Take a look at 1 Corinthians 1:22-25.

How we can encourage one another with the knowledge that Christ's grace is sufficient for us, because his power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)?