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**JUDGES 6:11-24**

## SAY NO TO FEAR!

Once again, the Israelites began to forget about God and they did what was evil. God let the Midianites attack them. The Midianites were so cruel to them. And again, the Israelites cried out to God and God heard them. God sent an angel to a man named Gideon. The angel told him that God gave Gideon a mission to set the Israelites free from the Midianites. Gideon felt that he was not good enough for this mission because he felt that he was the smallest in his family and his clan was the weakest among the Manasseh tribe. The angel assured him that God would be with him. Finally, after asking for a few signs from God, Gideon was convinced that God had really chosen him and he became courageous.

Just like Gideon, there are times when we might feel unsure or when fear might creep into our heart and mind. It is normal because this is a human's feeling. But the Bible says that God did not give us a spirit of fear. So, don't let fear overcome you. You can overcome it by trusting in God and let His power work through you. Let your faith defeat your fear. God will always be with you to help and strengthen you.

### **Key verse:**

*2 Timothy 1:7  
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, thank You for the reminder that with Your power in me, there is nothing I should be afraid of.  
Amen.*





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**JUDGES 7:2-22**

## JESUS, TAKE THE WHEEL

God instructed Gideon to form an army to fight the Midianites. Initially there were 32,000 men to fight, but in the end, after a few tests, only 300 men were selected to fight in the battle together with Gideon. Gideon didn't understand how God was going to help them win with only 300 men BUT he still obeyed God.

Gideon and his men were armed with only torches, trumpets and empty jars. Gideon broke his jar and blew his trumpet and his men followed. The Midianites, not knowing what was happening, panicked and started to kill one another. Israel won just by breaking their jars, blowing trumpets and shouting. This was possible because God was the One who took the wheel of the battle.

Let God take over the wheel of your life. There are many things that are hard for you to understand. But like Gideon, just trust and obey God. When God takes the wheel of your life, even when going through the difficult paths, you can be assured that you are safe.

### **Key verse:**

*Psalm 62:8  
People, trust  
God all the time.*

### **Prayer**

*Jesus, You are  
the Ruler over  
all things. Please  
help me to obey  
You more. Take  
the wheel of my  
life. Amen.*





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**JUDGES 9:1-6 & 50-57**

## DON'T BE WICKED

Gideon had 70 sons. One of them was Abimelech. When Gideon died, Abimelech killed all of his other brothers except Jotham, who managed to hide and escape. After that, he was made king by the people of Shechem. Abimelech was a very wicked man.

One day, God sent an evil spirit to make a war between Abimelech and the men of Shechem. At the end of the war, a woman dropped a large stone on Abimelech's head and crushed his skull. It was so humiliating when a king or a warrior died in the hand of a woman. In order to protect himself from this embarrassment, he asked his armorbearer to kill him. This was how God punished Abimelech for the evil thing he had done.

Without doubt, God is a merciful God and He will always forgive those who repent from their wrong ways. On the contrary, God will repay the wickedness of those who do evil and refuse to turn away from their evil ways.

### **Key verse:**

*Proverbs 21:12  
The righteous  
God wisely  
considers  
the house of  
the wicked,  
overthrowing  
the wicked  
for their  
wickedness.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, I want  
to guard my  
heart from all  
wickedness. I give  
You my heart and  
my soul. Amen.*





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**JUDGES 11:1-10**

## GOD IS NOT A SPARE TIRE

There was a man named Jephthah. His brothers disliked him. When they were adults, they chased Jephthah out of the house and he had to live alone elsewhere. Somehow, Jephthah became a very skillful fighter.

One day, the people of Ammon fought against the Israelites and Jephthah's brothers came to Jephthah and asked for his help. It must have been a painful experience for Jephthah. Firstly, his brothers sent him away and neglected him but when they were in distress, they came to him and asked for his help. However, in the end, he was willing to help them fight against the Ammonites.

Let Jephthah's story be a reminder to you and me: Do not see God as your last resort. God is not a spare tire that you only notice and need when you have a flat tire. A spare tire is only used in an emergency situation. Read the Bible and pray to Him every day. Ask Him first before making any decision. Live a life that is constantly close to God and don't just come to Him only during emergencies.

### **Key verse:**

*Deuteronomy 6:5  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God,  
forgive me if  
I forget about  
You sometimes.  
Teach me again  
to always put You  
first in my heart.  
Amen.*





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**JUDGES 14:6-9**

## SUPERHERO!

Do you know the name of the strongest man who ever lived according to the Bible? It is Samson. Samson was a judge. The Bible wrote that he tore a lion apart with his bare hands just like tearing apart a young goat. He was like a superhero!

How could Samson be that strong? The One who gave him such power is the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that the Spirit of God came mightily upon him and he got the supernatural strength like a superhero!

Do you know who is the ultimate Superhero with the ultimate superpower in our lives? It is Jesus! He is way stronger than Samson. He did so many miracles, such as healing the sick, raising the dead and many more! The most amazing thing is that Jesus died on the cross and He rose again and went to Heaven. His death gives eternal life to you and me! There is no other superhero that has supernatural power like this.

### **Key verse:**

*Psalms 24:8  
Who is this King  
of glory? The  
Lord strong and  
mighty.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, You  
are my Superhero.  
Thank You for  
dying on the  
cross to redeem  
my sins so I can  
have eternal life.  
Amen.*





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**JUDGES 16:4-19**

## HIGH QUALITY FRIENDS

Samson fell in love with a lady named Delilah. The Philistines were still trying to find a way to destroy Samson so they used Delilah as part of their scheme. They offered to give her a sum of money if she managed to find out the secret of Samson's strength. Delilah tried so many ways to get Samson to reveal his secret. Finally, Samson fell into her trap and told her everything. As a result, he lost his power.

Good friends will always encourage you to be good but the bad ones always pressurize you to do bad things. Always be aware of who is making an influence on your life. Good friends will not cause you to get into trouble. Good friends will not ask you to steal. Good friends will not threaten you and make you cheat on your exam. Good friends will not mentally and physically hurt you. Good friends will not badmouth you.

Pray to God that He will place good friends around you, and that you and your good friends can work together to bring a good impact on others. You need to be kind to everyone, but you also need to pray that you will be able to see whether a person is giving a bad or a good influence on your life.

### **Key verse:**

*Proverbs 18:24  
Some friends  
may ruin you.  
But a real friend  
will be more  
loyal than a  
brother.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, I  
want to be a  
good friend and  
I also need good  
friends that bring  
a good influence  
on my life.  
Lead me in my  
friendship, Lord.  
Thank You. Amen.*





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**GENESIS 1:26-31**

## GOD MADE YOU SPECIAL

Who is the first mankind that God created? Yes, you are right! Adam and Eve. God created them in His image and even their bodies were part of God's very best creation. Isn't that amazing?

But that is not the only amazing news for you. The best of it is YOU and I are also created by God in HIS image and each of us is special. Do you know that there are NO two people who have the same exact fingerprints, even if they are twins?

God made you and placed you here on earth. He loves you because you are His creation. That's that! You are His children. That is how our heavenly Father feels about you. He made you and you are His.

So, we need to take good care of ourselves. By taking care of ourselves, we are actually taking care of God's creation. Let's keep our heart and body clean and healthy, and let's be a blessing to people around us.

### **Key verse:**

*Psalm 139:14a  
I praise you  
because You  
made me in an  
amazing and  
wonderful way.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God,  
thank you for  
making me in  
an amazing and  
wonderful way.  
Your works are  
wonderful and  
I know that full  
well. I praise You!  
Amen.*

