

## Hebrews Chapter 11: Faith of the Judges

Sunday, September 19 / Wednesday, September 22

**Class Topic and Date:** Deborah / Barak and Gideon (Sunday, September 19)

**References:** Hebrews 11: 32 – 38; Judges 4 – 8; Psalm 20: 7 – 8; Philippians 4: 13

- From Judges 4: 8, what does Barak's reply to Deborah indicate about his faith? Is his statement a display of positive faith, or does it indicate a lack of faith?
- What does Deborah's command to Barak recorded in Judges 4: 14 – 15, and Barak's response, indicate about their faith?
- What do we learn about faith from the victory song that Deborah and Barak sang (recorded in Judges Chapter 5)?
- In Judges 6: 12 – 17, how would you characterize the discussion between God and Gideon? What lessons do we learn about faith from this conversation?
- From Judges Chapter 7: 2 – 8, why did God instruct Gideon to reduce the size of his army, and what was the result of the battle?
- Describe the dream and Gideon's response recorded in Judges 7: 13 – 15. What do we learn about faith from Gideon's response?

**Class Topic and Date:** Jephthah and Samson (Wednesday, September 22)

**References:** Hebrews 11: 32 – 38; Judges 11 – 16; Matthew 26: 39

- Describe the vow made by Jephthah recorded in Judges 11: 30 – 31. What was the outcome of that vow, and what did Jephthah's response indicate about his faith?
- In Judges 11: 36 – 39, how did Jephthah's daughter respond to the outcome of her father's vow, and what lessons about faith can we learn from her response?
- As recorded in Judges Chapter 13, describe the faith of Samson's parents.
- Summarize Samson's character based on the accounts given of his life in Judges Chapters 13 – 16. What key events are indicative of his character?
- Regarding his character flaws and all of the decisions he made throughout his life, why is Samson characterized as an example of faith in Hebrews Chapter 11?