

BIBLE SUPERHEROES

SUNDAYS

10.30

SEE YOU THERE!



All Saints Church



THE GIDEON STORY AND ITS CONTEXT (Judges 6,7 and 8)

CHAPTER 6

v1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

Impoverishment, prophecy, calling, doubt, testing God, dealing with sin, being filled by the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 7

The showdown and defeat of the Midianites.

v2 The Lord said to Gideon, “you have too many men.....”

Obedience, trust, confirmation from God by way of overheard dreams, trumpets, jars, torches, mayhem and bloodshed.

CHAPTER 8

Ephraimites unhappy at not being called upon earlier.

Gideon unhappy with officials at Succoth for not feeding his men and avenges them.

v23 'The Lord will rule over you' (and not Gideon, your Superhero)

The Ephod, 40 years of peace, Gideon's death, Baal.

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1. He calls an 'inadequate' person in a way which follows a common pattern.

Word for the week: THEOPHANY

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A manifestation of God directly or through an angel (Judges 6 v11 and Luke 1 v26)

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5. Gideon is made to trust God and he has to lose in order to win