



Word Notes: Sunday 29/10/17

Spot the difference: Gideon, from zero to hero.

Week 3: Walking in your destiny

- Find a map of Israel in the time of Gideon. This: <http://www.biblestudy.org/maps/map-land-of-palestine-at-time-of-judges.html> is a pretty good one. Trace out the events of Gideon's battle as you read Judges 7:19-8:12 (You may need to read further back to identify where they start)
- On Sunday, Clare highlighted 4 different groups in the battle story.
 - 7:23 "The late arrivals"
 - 7:24-8:2 "The VIPs"
 - 8:4 "The faithful few"
 - 8:5-6 "The always afraid"

For each of these groups, discuss their characteristics, and how Gideon interacts with them. What advice might you give them, and Gideon about their behaviours?

- Having followed the whole account, we know that the real objective of Gideon's mission was not simply to defeat the Midianites, but to bring Israel back from idol worship to worship God faithfully.
Read 8:22-27. How does Gideon succeed or fail in his mission? What is the legacy he leaves for Israel?
- Allow some time for everyone to reflect on the following questions, inviting God to help them see where they might need to change.

Which category do you fall into in God's mission –The late arrivals, the VIPs, the faithful few, the always afraid?

Can you identify people in your life who fall into each of these categories? How do you interact with them? Is God calling you to change your behaviour in some way?

What legacy are you called to leave for the people in your community? Are you currently building that legacy?

- Allow space for people to share their reflections if they wish and pray for each other –you might break into pairs at this point to give some confidentiality.