



# Gideon's Fleece and the Test of Faith



Explore Gideon's journey of faith through his requests for signs, discovering trust in God beyond certainty.



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## Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study exploring the profound story of Gideon's fleece. Gideon's narrative in Judges 6 offers a compelling glimpse into the struggles of faith when doubt and fear arise. Like many believers, Gideon faced uncertainty about God's call and divine direction. His request for a sign using a fleece—a woolen piece of fabric—carries deep wisdom about how we seek reassurance from God in challenging seasons.

*Throughout these seven days, we will examine the dynamics between doubt and obedience, the interplay of God's promises and our human insecurities, and the miracle of faith that grows when God meets us where we are.* The story of Gideon encourages us to approach God honestly with our questions, knowing that He welcomes our faith journeys and strengthens us in the waiting.

Whether you are wrestling with decisions, trials, or simply yearning for greater spiritual assurance, this study will guide you through Gideon's experience to find a deeper trust in God's timing and purpose. Let us embark on this journey together, inviting God to increase our faith beyond signs, so that like Gideon, we stand firm in the call He has placed on our lives.





# Day 1: God's Presence in Uncertainty



## Your Verse

*Judges 6:11 - "The Angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 34:18 - "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*
- *Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."*



## Devotional: Encountering God in Our Weakness

**Gideon's story begins amidst uncertainty and fear.** We find him hiding in a winepress, threshing wheat in secret because of the threat of the Midianites. This image sets the tone for much of our own faith journeys—times when we feel hidden, vulnerable, or unsure about what comes next.

*God meets Gideon right where he is.* The Angel of the LORD appears and calls him a 'mighty warrior,' a reminder that God sees potential even when we see weakness. God's presence does not wait until Gideon feels ready; it comes into his uncertainty to bring purpose and strength.

When facing moments of doubt or fear, it's comforting to remember that God is with us—and often appears most palpably in our weakest moments. Like Gideon, we are invited to welcome His presence in our personal winepresses, trusting that His call is true even if we feel ill-equipped.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you react when God calls you during uncertain or fearful times?

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2. In what 'winepresses' of your life do you feel hidden or vulnerable?

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3. What does God calling Gideon a "mighty warrior" reveal about His perspective on you?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God met you in weakness.

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2. Describe the fears you currently face and how you sense God's presence.

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3. Reflect on what it means for God to see your potential beyond your doubts.

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Day 1: 📅 God's Presence in Uncertainty

## Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for meeting me in my moments of fear and uncertainty. Help me to sense Your presence when I feel weak or vulnerable. Strengthen me to respond with faith even when I don't have all the answers. Teach me to trust Your calling and the plans You have for my life. *Fill me with courage and peace.* Amen. 🙏 ✨ 🕊️ 💪





## Day 2: 🐦 Trusting God's Promise



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## Your Verse

*Judges 6:14 - "The LORD turned to him and said, 'Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 12:9 - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*
- *Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*



# Devotional: God Empowers Our Weakness for His Purpose

**God's call to Gideon is clear: He is sending him to deliver Israel.** But Gideon's response reveals that he feels inadequate and unworthy. The strength God refers to may seem small or insufficient, yet God assures Gideon this is enough because He empowers the mission.

*Often in our faith walks, we doubt whether we have what it takes to step out in obedience.* This passage reminds us God equips the called, not the other way around. It's a call to surrender our insecurities and trust that God's strength carries us through.

Believing God's promises requires leaning into Him despite our own perceptions of weakness. As you reflect today, consider areas where God is calling you to trust beyond your abilities and rest in His provision.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What weaknesses do you feel are barriers to following God's call?

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2. How does God's reassurance change your view of your own abilities?

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3. Where can you rely more fully on God's strength today?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. List areas where you feel weak but sense God's call to act.

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2. Write a prayer asking God to show His strength through your weaknesses.

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3. Describe how God has equipped you in the past despite your doubts.

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Day 2: 🕊️ Trusting God's Promise

## Prayer for Today

**Father, help me to trust that Your strength is enough for every challenge I face. When I feel weak or unprepared, remind me that You are with me and will empower me to fulfill Your purpose. Teach me to depend on Your grace daily. *Thank You for calling me despite my insecurities. Amen.*** 🙌❤️🔥🙏





# Day 3: Gideon's First Fleece: Seeking Confirmation





## Your Verse

*Judges 6:36 - "Then Gideon said to God, 'If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised... Let me make a woolen fleece... If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 25:4 - "Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths."*
- *Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*



## Devotional: God Meets Us in Honest Seeking

Gideon requests a sign from God through the fleece—dew on the fleece but dry ground—to confirm God's promise. This reveals a desire for tangible assurance before stepping fully into faith. It's natural to seek confirmation, especially when the stakes feel high.

*God does not rebuke Gideon for asking; instead, He honors this heart seeking to align trust with clarity.* The first sign comes as God causes dew to appear only on the fleece, affirming His promise. This kind of divine confirmation can strengthen faith and calm anxious hearts.

However, as we study Gideon's story further, we learn the journey of faith requires more than signs. It invites us into deeper trust when certainty fades. Reflect on your own desire for signs and how God responds to your honest seeking today.



Day 3: 📖 Gideon's First Fleece: Seeking Confirmation

## Reflect and Apply

1. Have you ever sought a sign from God before making a decision? Why or why not?

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2. How does God responding to Gideon encourage your doubts?

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3. What might God be teaching you about trust when you don't receive immediate confirmation?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God gave you confirmation when you asked.

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2. Describe any signs or confirmations you feel you need currently.

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3. Meditate on Proverbs 3:5 and journal your thoughts about trusting beyond understanding.

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Day 3: 🏠 Gideon's First Fleece: Seeking Confirmation

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for hearing my questions and doubts.** Help me to seek You honestly and patiently, trusting that You will guide me in Your perfect timing. Give me peace when I long for confirmation and courage to step out in faith when answers are unclear. *May I grow in trusting Your wisdom and love.*

Amen. 🌿 🙏 🌟 🐑





# Day 4: 🌿 The Second Fleece: Learning to Trust Beyond Signs



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## Your Verse

*Judges 6:39 - "Gideon said, 'Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more test with the fleece. Let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew.' That night God did so."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 11:1 - "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*
- *Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."*



Day 4: 🌿 The Second Fleece: Learning to Trust Beyond Signs

## Devotional: God's Patience with Our Growing Faith

Despite the first sign, Gideon asks God for another confirmation—this time **reversing the sign**. This repetition shows his struggle to fully trust without additional proof. Sometimes, faith is a process requiring God's patience with our insecurity.

*God graciously honors Gideon's request again, providing a clear yes to his plea.* Yet, this also sets the stage for the next step—moving forward when certainty is no longer repeated or guaranteed.

Believers today wrestle similarly: seeking multiple assurances before making leaps of faith. The lesson here is about God's patience and the gradual growth of trust. God's consistent faithfulness in small signs invites us to depend less on repeating proofs and more on His character.





Day 4: 🌿 The Second Fleece: Learning to Trust Beyond Signs

## Reflect and Apply

1. Why do you think Gideon asked for a second sign?

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2. How does God's willingness to confirm again speak to His patience with us?

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3. Where in your life might God be calling you to step out on faith without further confirmation?

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Day 4: 🌿 The Second Fleece: Learning to Trust Beyond Signs

## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on times you've sought repeated reassurance from God.

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2. Write about how you can nurture confidence in God's character rather than only signs.

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3. Identify one area where you can practice trusting God even when answers aren't clear.

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Day 4: 🌱 The Second Fleece: Learning to Trust Beyond Signs

## Prayer for Today


God, thank You for Your patience when I struggle to fully trust. Help me to grow in faith that rests on Your character, not just signs. Teach me to walk boldly even when I don't have all the answers. Strengthen me to move forward by faith, confident that You are working for my good. *I trust You even when I cannot see the whole path.* Amen. 🌱 ❤️ 🙏 ✨





# Day 5: ✂️ Courage to Obey Beyond the Signs



Day 5:  Courage to Obey Beyond the Signs

## Your Verse

*Judges 7:7 - "The LORD said to Gideon, 'With the three hundred men I marked out, I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you."*
- *Psalms 27:1 - "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"*



Day 5:  Courage to Obey Beyond the Signs

## Devotional: Faith Requires Courageous Obedience

**After the fleece signs, God instructs Gideon to reduce his army to just 300 men, showing that victory depends on God's power, not numbers. This requires courage and obedience beyond what feels safe or logical from a human perspective.**

*Faith often calls us to step into the unknown, relying on God's promises rather than visible proof.* Gideon's willingness to act demonstrates the climax of his trust journey—from seeking signs to full reliance on God's divine strength.

For us, moving beyond signs means embracing God's call with courage, even when the path seems uncertain or daunting. God's faithfulness in the past equips us to face current challenges with confidence.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What fears hold you back from fully obeying God's call?

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2. How does Gideon's obedience inspire your own steps of faith?

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3. In what situations can you choose obedience over needing more proof?

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Day 5:  Courage to Obey Beyond the Signs

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you took a step of faith despite uncertainty.

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2. List fears you have about obeying God and how you can confront them.

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3. Pray for courage to obey God's call wholeheartedly.

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Day 5: 🦋 Courage to Obey Beyond the Signs

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, grant me the courage to obey You even when I can't see the whole plan. Help me to trust that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. Remind me that You go before me, and that with You, victory is certain. Strengthen my heart to step forward boldly in faith. *I surrender my fears to You.* Amen.** 🛡️🔥





## Day 6: ✨ God's Faithfulness Revealed



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## Your Verse

*Judges 7:22 - "When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Lamentations 3:22-23 - "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*
- *Psalms 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*



Day 6: ✨ God's Faithfulness Revealed

## Devotional: God's Faithfulness in Our Battles

**Gideon's victory comes not by might but by God's miraculous intervention.** The confusion in the enemy camp and their defeat underscore God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises in ways beyond human expectation.

*Our faith journey is grounded not in our own strength but in the trustworthiness of God's word and deeds.* When we reflect on battles we face—physical, emotional, or spiritual—we can recall how God's faithfulness has been evident even when circumstances seemed hopeless.

Celebrate God's power to work in the impossible and affirm your confidence that He is dependable in every season.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Recall moments when God has come through for you unexpectedly.

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2. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your faith now?

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3. What battles are you currently facing that require trusting God's power?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. List past experiences showing God's faithfulness.

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2. Write a prayer of thanksgiving for God's help in difficulties.

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3. Describe how you can rest in God's strength amid current struggles.

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Day 6: ✨ God's Faithfulness Revealed

## Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your unfailing faithfulness in my life. Help me to remember Your mighty acts when I face battles and uncertainties. Strengthen my trust that You are always at work for my good. May I rest in Your power and grace, confident that You will never leave me or forsake me. *Glory be to You, my refuge and strength! Amen.* ✨ 🛡️ 🙏 ❤️





# Day 7: 🙌 Living a Life of Faith Beyond Signs





Day 7: 🙏 Living a Life of Faith Beyond Signs

## Your Verse

*Hebrews 11:6 - "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 5:7 - "For we live by faith, not by sight."*
- *James 1:6 - "But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt..."*



## Devotional: Faith That Pleases and Perseveres

**As we conclude Gideon's story, we are reminded that faith is ultimately about trust beyond what we see or test.** God desires a heart that believes in His existence and goodness without always needing visible confirmation.

*Living by faith means embracing mystery, uncertainty, and the call to obey the unseen.* Gideon's fleece provided temporary confirmation, but his lasting victory came through trusting God's character and promises.

May this study inspire you to cultivate faith that perseveres beyond signs, resting wholly in God's unwavering love and power to fulfill His plans in your life.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What steps can you take to strengthen trust beyond needing signs?

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2. How does the call to live by faith challenge your current view of God?

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3. In what ways can you intentionally seek God's presence and promises daily?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write your personal definition of faith after this study.

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2. Reflect on how you can apply faith in areas of doubt or hesitation.

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3. Commit to a practical action that demonstrates faith this week.

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Day 7: 🙏 Living a Life of Faith Beyond Signs

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to live a faith-filled life that trusts You beyond what I see. Teach me to seek You earnestly and believe in Your goodness and power. Strengthen my heart to obey without hesitation and to rest in Your promises always. May my faith please You and grow deeper every day. *Thank You for loving me even in my doubt.* Amen.** 🙏 🌿 🙏 ❤️





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