

Judges: Gideon 6:1-7:25

YouTube channel: [Chris Nazarian](#)

Previous video:  Judges: Deborah

Gideon: the turning point

- Gideon stands against idolatry 6:1-32
- Gideon fights against Israel's enemies 6:33-7:25
- Gideon fights against Israel 8:1-21
- Gideon commits idolatry 8:22-32

This is where we see the rejection of Yahweh as king and the establishment of a human king

Gideon: hesitant but faithful 6:1-32

- The call of Gideon
 - Gideon lacks understanding, why? Parenting!
 - Exodus narrative revisited (Moses' story)
 - Asking for a sign
- Baal destroyed
 - Obedient but cowardly
 - "Dad" steps in

Gideon: the worrying warrior 6:33-7:25

- The Midianite threat
- Fleece
 - Asking for a sign... again
 - Concrete security in things we can control
- Yahweh getting the glory
 - Thinning the troops
 - A God-given sign
 - Yahweh delivers

Practical Application: why we fail

- We don't take time to trust God at his word
- We are just like Gideon: ignorant
 - We don't know our christian heritage
 - We don't know the scriptures
 - We act with hesitation and cowardice at God's commands
 - We want signs and wonders more than his word
- Overall, we don't have a good working understanding of God

What we learned

- Gideon starts right, but is shaky
 - Cowardice in removing idols
 - Hesitation in fighting Midian
- Setup for Gideon putting trust in concrete securities he can control instead of Yahweh

Next time...

Gideon continues

Read:

- Gideon story 8:1-35
- Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (God's version of a king)
- 1st Samuel 8:7-18 (what a human king is like)

Think about:

- What version of a king does Gideon line up with?

