

Grace Guide



JULY 27-AUGUST 2

“Not Fit For The Job”

MONDAY
7/27

DEUTERONOMY 31:1-8

Moses had spent forty years leading Israel through the wilderness, yet he would not be the one to bring the people into the Promised Land. That responsibility would fall to Joshua, who undoubtedly wondered whether he was capable of following such a great leader. Moses' encouragement was not to believe in himself but to trust the God who had already proven faithful. Again and again Moses reminds Joshua that God goes before his people, remains with them, and will never abandon them. The confidence Joshua needed did not come from experience or talent but from God's presence. We often hesitate when we feel unprepared for what lies ahead, but the question is not whether we are sufficient for the task. The greater question is whether we trust the God who promises to walk with us. When God leads, his presence is always enough.

1. What responsibility or challenge in your life have made you feel unqualified or overwhelmed? How does knowing God goes before you help in such situations?
2. Why do you think Moses focused on God's faithfulness instead of Joshua's abilities?

TUESDAY
7/28

1 SAMUEL 14:1-15

Jonathan and his armor bearer faced impossible odds. They climbed toward a Philistine outpost with no army behind them and no guarantee of success. Yet Jonathan expressed remarkable confidence when he said, "Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few." He did not presume to know exactly how God would act, but he believed God was not limited by numbers, resources, or appearances. Jonathan's courage grew from confidence in God's power rather than certainty about the outcome. Faith is not pretending to know every answer, faith is trusting God's character when the path ahead is unclear. There are moments when following God means taking a step that seems unreasonable by human standards, believing that God is able to accomplish what we cannot.

1. When have you been tempted to measure a situation only by the resources you could see?
2. How might God be inviting you to trust his strength instead of relying on favorable circumstances?

WEDNESDAY
7/29

1 CORINTHIANS 1:16-31

The church in Corinth lived in a culture that admired wisdom, influence, wealth, and social status. Paul reminds believers that God's kingdom often works in exactly the opposite way. God delights in choosing what the world considers foolish, weak, and insignificant so that no one can boast apart from God. This does not mean God values weakness for its own sake, but rather, God delights in demonstrating his power through people who know they need him. When we depend upon our own abilities, we may receive the credit. But when God works through ordinary people, his grace becomes unmistakable. Our hope is not that we are impressive enough for God to use, our hope is that God is gracious enough to work through those who trust him.

1. Why does God often choose people the world overlooks?
2. How do you understand that recognizing your need for God becomes a strength rather than a weakness?

THURSDAY
7/30

JAMES 1:5-8

Over the weekend (and for our sermon) we'll be reading the story of Gideon asking God for a sign. There is a difference between wanting proof and seeking wisdom. Gideon asked God for signs because he struggled to trust what God had already said. James points believers in a different direction. Instead of encouraging us to seek certainty through signs, he invites us to ask God for wisdom, promising that God gives generously to those who ask. Wisdom does not answer every question or remove every uncertainty, but it helps us recognize God's character and follow his leading with confidence. Faith is not the absence of questions. Faith is the willingness to trust the One who answers the questions in his own time. As we grow in Christ, our dependence shifts from demanding reassurance to relying on God's faithful promises.

1. Why is it so hard for us to wait for God?
2. How has God been generous in giving you wisdom and guidance over the years? How has that impacted your relationship with God?

FRIDAY
7/31

PSALM 62

David repeats one simple truth throughout this psalm: his hope rests in God alone. Surrounded by opposition and uncertainty, he refuses to anchor his confidence in wealth, power, or human strength. Instead, he describes God as his rock, salvation, fortress, and refuge. Life constantly tempts us to place our security in things that seem dependable, in our abilities, finances, reputation, or careful planning. Those foundations can quickly shift, yet God alone remains unchanging. Trust grows as we repeatedly return to God, pouring out our hearts and remembering that his strength is never exhausted. When everything around us feels unstable, God is still worthy of complete confidence.

1. Which description of God in this psalm speaks most deeply to your current circumstances in life, and why?
2. What does it look like to "pour out your heart" before God in prayer?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY**
8/1-2

JUDGES 6:11-18, 36-40*

When the angel of the Lord called Gideon a "mighty warrior," Gideon could hardly believe it. He saw himself as the least member of the weakest clan, hiding from Israel's enemies instead of confronting them. Even after accepting God's call, Gideon struggled with fear and asked for reassurance through the signs of the fleece. God patiently met Gideon where he was, not because doubt is the goal of faith, but because God was forming Gideon's trust one step at a time. By the time Gideon faced the Midianites, his confidence had shifted away from himself and toward God. The Lord still works patiently with people who are learning to trust him. God does not wait for perfect faith before calling us to follow, he invites us to grow as we walk with him.

1. Which part of Gideon's story do you identify with most: his feelings of inadequacy, his questions, or his growing obedience?
2. How has God shown patience with you during seasons when your faith was weak or uncertain? What fears might be preventing you from taking the next step God is calling you to take?

*If you feel ambitious, read all of chapters 6 and 7 to see how God really uses Gideon, even in his doubt and uncertainty.

VERSE OF THE SERIES

“And He was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?’”

(Luke 9:23-25)