

# WEEKLY GUIDE

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

**1**  
**ATTEND!**

SUNDAYS  
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

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**2**  
**TALK!**

DISCUSS THE  
LESSONS

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**3**  
**PRAY!**

MAKE YOUR  
REQUESTS  
KNOWN TO GOD

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**4**  
**DO!**

PUT THE  
LESSONS INTO  
PRACTICE

## **BIBLE READINGS:**

Judges 6:1-12, 7:1-22, and 8:28-35; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 56:3-4; Ephesians 2:8-9 and 6:12; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Peter 5:8-9; Proverbs 4:23

### **JOSHUA 1:9**

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

### **PSALM 56:3-4**

*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, I will praise His word. In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*

### **JUDGES 7:2-4**

*The Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there."*

### **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

*It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.*

### **1 PETER 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

### **EPHESIANS 6:12**

*For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

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## TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Take time to reflect on last week's lesson. Which lessons did you find most useful? How did you apply these lessons to your life? Did you have any opportunities to put them into practice?
2. Why were the Israelites being oppressed? What was the result of the constant attacks by their enemy? How did God respond to their cry for help? How can you apply this to today?
3. Do you see yourself as God sees you? What is your tendency to think when you're facing a difficult or impossible situation? Why do you think we usually never see ourselves as strong enough? Are you ever really strong enough? Where should our strength come from?
4. Why does God allow us to be in situations that require courage? Why should you always put God's glory above your personal comfort or notions of how you think things should be? Is there a time when God refined you? Why do you think God did this?
5. Why is being alert and watchful a key aspect of courage? What are the characteristics of one who is vigilant and alert? How might this differ from those who live otherwise? What does a vigilant person watch for? What are some roaring lions making the most noise today? Why is it important that you stand strong and remain steadfast in the faith? How do you do this?
6. Who is the real enemy? Why should you be careful not to get involved in flesh-and-blood battles? How can fighting worldly, external battles be detrimental to your faith? Why are internal battles more damaging? How can you better guard your heart?
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? How will you put it into practice in your life this week?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that you will have courage sufficient to face whatever comes during the next year.
2. Pray that our country would turn to God and experience national revival and awakening.
3. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our cities (Jeremiah 29:7).
4. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
5. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families to come to know Christ personally.
6. Pray for our nation to trust in God again, like our national motto states.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Gospel courageously without fear.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith with others. Encourage someone. Pray for someone.
2. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without hypocrisy. Be merciful!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy. Be thankful!
5. Spend time with God in prayer. Let God fill you with His Holy Spirit.
6. Do something outside your comfort zone. Be courageous!
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!**

