

Sunday, March 1, 2026

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

God's Greatness Through Humble Faith

Text: Philippians 4:13

*I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me. (NKJV)*

Introduction:

In the past few years, I have followed the "Bible in a Year" reading guide provided in the Our Daily Bread Devotional. In doing that, I have been blessed with many insights.

- The Holiness of God vs the evil of Satan.
- God's Love and Patience with his chosen.
- God's wrath and judgement.
- The perfect detail of God's plan through his word.
- The continual cycle of Man's sinful nature falling away from God and His forgiveness and rescue.

A. God uses Gideon to do great things.

- Who was Gideon?
- He was born in 1252 BC during the time of the Judges.
- The time after Joshua. Judges 2: 6 – 15
- Who were the Judges? Judges 2: 16 – 19
- The Time of Gideon.

Who were the Midianites? Judges 6: 1-6

God appoints Gideon to be a Judge and save Israel.

Judges 6: 11 – 14

B. A Humble Gideon Judges 6: 15 – 17

- Gideon asks for assign of Godly assurance and prepares an offering.
- Gideon destroys his father's altar to Baal an the Asher poles and sacrifices two of his father's bulls. Judges 6: 25-28
- Gideon's faithfulness to God strengthens his father. Judges 6: 30 – 31

C. Gideon becomes a Judge. Judges 6: 34 & 35 God patiently reassures Gideon. Judges 6: 36 – 40

God reassures us too! Hebrews 13: 5 & 6

D. Gideon is boldly faithful to The Lord God. Judges 7: 1 -3

The Lord test Gideon's faith and the faith of his men. Judges 7: 4-8

The Lord gives Gideon encouragement and a plan. Judges 7: 9 – 25

E. There are numerous similar examples of ordinary people being strengthened by God to do great things for him.

Noah – Builds an Ark

Abraham – Fathers a great nation

Joseph - Becomes a great leader in Egypt

Moses – Leads the children of Israel out of Egypt

Daniel – Remains faithful and faces the lions

Ruth – Remains faithful to Naomi and is part of the Royal Linage

Peter – Becomes a bold leader for the Christian Church

Paul – Becomes a powerful voice for Christ

F. Does God still find people today with humble faith and do great things?

Does Gideon's faith have a legacy even today? How can we let Jesus do great things through us?