

# THE Story

## Lesson 16 Chapter 8 A Few Good Men & Women p.103-111

1. On page 103 we read that "another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord or what He had done for Israel." Can you explain how and why this happened?

What may we learn about the importance of

Christian example...

Christian teaching of the young....

Christian marriage?

2. On page 104 how is the unvarying cycle of the period of the judges described?

What sort of spiritual life corresponds to this in the life of the individual as described in Colossians 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

3. The story of Deborah the Judge is provided for us on pages 105-107. What does God's choice of Deborah reveal about God's view of women?

Why do you think Barak was unwilling to undertake the campaign without Deborah? Does this reveal a defect in his faith?

4. Contrast how God saw Gideon with how Gideon saw himself. (p.108)

How does this breathe hope into our hearts in the moments we feel God could never do great things through us?

5. On page 109 we read about Gideon's use of a fleece to confirm God's call on his life. Why is "putting out the fleece" to discern God's will in our life not a good idea?

6. At the bottom of page 109 God told Gideon that "you have too many men." As Gideon watched his army reduced by God to only 300 men (p.109-110), what lessons was God trying to teach Gideon and us?

7. As recorded on the bottom of page 110, how did God strengthen Gideon and help him press through his fears as he faced the mighty armies of Midian?

How does God do the same today when we feel inadequate and fearful?

8. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn

about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace