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Gideon's Story

God is Powerful • *We Trust God*

Divine Dependence ...Digging Deeper into the Word

Read more of Gideon's story in **Judges 6:6-24**, when God first calls him to save the Israelites from the Midianites.

- What are Gideon's doubts in this passage, and how does God respond?
- Look at verse 18 again and think about it. Does God *wait* for you to trust him?

Read **Exodus 16:14-30**, when God provides the Israelites with manna to eat in the wilderness.

- What happened when the Israelites didn't trust that God would provide enough manna to rest on the Sabbath?
- How does God provide for your times of work and rest?

Read **Psalms 44**, which remembers past victories and reflects on current losses.

- What role does divine dependence have in this psalm?
- How does this passage connect with Gideon's story? How does it connect with *your* story?

Read about Jesus calming the storm in **Mark 4:35-41**.

- How does God's power show up in this passage?
- Does fear ever get in the way of your ability to trust God? Can you relate to the disciples in this story?

Continue to reflect and pray...

Powerful and loving God, by your grace, I trust you with all that I am and all that I have - my time, talents, and resources. Give me courage to trust you more. Amen.