

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 81 – w/c 21/5/23**

### **Week 81**

**Monday: Judges 7:1-25.** Notice the purpose behind the reduction in numbers in verse 2. Our own strength and ability can be a real obstacle to trusting God. Have you seen God apply this principle of reduction in your own life or that of others, to encourage trust in him?

**Tuesday: Judges 8:1-35.** Two things kept Gideon and his men going when they were exhausted (v4). God's promise in the past (Judges 7:7) and his vision for the future (Judges 8:5). How do these principles help you persevere when you are weary?

**Wednesday: Judges 9:1-57.** When has God brought an unexpected deliverance for you as he did with the people of Thebez in v 50-53? Today, no matter what you are faced with, God is your strong tower in whom you can find refuge.

**Thursday: Judges 10:1-18.** Israel only ever repented when they were in trouble! When things went well they were less likely to seek God. Are you as dependent on Jesus in the good times as you are when life is hard?

**Friday: Judges 11:1-40.** These were dark days. Leaders were chosen on the basis of their power not their integrity, they made rash vows, yet still the Spirit of God used Jephthah. What can you learn from his poor example?

**Weekend: Judges 12:1-15.** Compare Judges 12:1-4 and Judges 8:1-3. How do Jephthah and Gideon differ in their response? What is usually your first response to a threatening situation?