

appnotes

DAY **READ EXODUS 14**

1

Caught between the Egyptian Army and the Red Sea, the people of Israel saw no way out. In verses 13-14, Moses reassured the Israelites with these words, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” We don’t fight on our own. In fact, the battle isn’t even ours to fight! God rescues us in ways we could never have imagined if we will simply trust and obey.

DAY **READ JUDGES 6:1-15**

2

Throughout Scripture, God uses some unlikely heroes. Gideon is a great example. He didn’t even see himself fit for the job! He describes himself as the weakest member in his family who is on the bottom of the totem pole. So, why would God use someone like him to conquer the oppressive Midianites? Simple, to show the world that God is able, and that He is in control. Today, no matter what you are facing, remember God’s words to Gideon, “I will be with you.”

DAY **READ 1 SAMUEL 17**

3

When the Philistines were oppressing the people of Israel, only one man had the courage to face their champion, Goliath. Who was it? A young shepherd boy named David. When he faces Goliath, David gives an epic response: “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” David understood that out of all the weapons in the world, none measure up to the living God who fights for His people. Are you relying on your own strength to rescue you? Or, are you trusting in the God who never fails?

DAY READ 1 KINGS 18:16-39

4

Elijah definitely had a little crazy in him. He confronted an army of false prophets by himself! These prophets of Baal had enticed the Israelites to turn away from following Yahweh. When Elijah confronted the false prophets, God showed up in a big way, proving He is the one true God. Then Elijah called the people of Israel out: “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” That’s a great question for us. What is keeping you from going all in and trusting God with every circumstance in your life?

DAY READ ESTHER 4

5

Esther was uniquely positioned to protect the nation of Israel and the lineage of the Messiah, but it was not an easy task. It took great courage and dependence on God. One of the greatest moments in the book of Esther is found in verses 14-16. Esther realized that God was calling her to put her life on the line to save her people. She asks Mordecai to go and gather all the Jews in Susa to fast and pray. Then she said, “When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” She was willing to stick her neck out in order to save her people. Following God involves putting others first, trusting God, and allowing Him to write your story.

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