



BIG IDEA

We find him by remembering that he is always faithful, even when we are faithless. We looked at the Hall of Faith chapter in the Bible, but all of those folks, like us, needed God's grace in their life in order for them to be faithful. But not Jesus, for he is always faithful and his faithfulness is the reason why we experience God's grace in our lives. Jesus is faithful.

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

Read: Judges 4:1-24

2. Reflecting on the passage and the sermon, how does this story point us to Jesus?
3. Pastor Josh talked about the cyclical pattern in the book of Judges, where the people turn away from God, face consequences, cry out for help, and are then rescued by God through a judge. Do you see any similar patterns in our own life or in the lives of people around you?
4. Reflect on Barak's initial reluctance and Deborah's response. Have you ever been hesitant to take action when you felt called by God for a purpose? How do you personally overcome your hesitation?
5. Jael, a non-Israelite, played an important role in the story by defeating Sisera. How does her unexpected heroism remind us to look beyond our presuppositions of others? Are there people in our lives whom we underestimate, and how might their potential surprise us?
6. Richard Sibbes writes, "Nothing in the world is of so good use as the least grain of grace." Discuss this truth and its impact on your life.
7. Discuss the concept of grace as it relates to Barak's story. How does God's grace work in our lives, even when we may feel undeserving?
8. Share personal insights, commitments, or action items inspired by the sermon and the discussion. In other words, how will you respond to the message this week?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is there such value in reading and understanding the scriptures we looked at this week?
3. What points in the message encouraged you and gave you hope?
4. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

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Pray: Thank God for the grace that he gives to us and how his grace is continuously transforming us.

Read: Consider reading the whole book of Judges to experience more of the cyclical pattern of God's people turning from him, experiencing the consequences, crying out to God, and being rescued.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, memorize a verse from the sermon passage that will help you remember that God is faithful and that his grace is all we need.

Love: Share God's rescue story with someone you love.