

## FRIDAY – Reflection

We're at the end of this week's LIO and so it's time to reflect on the things that you've experienced during this week's study.

- As you look back on this week's study, what ideas/concepts were you challenged to think about the most?
- Reflect on the various verses that you read this week. Which verse was the most meaningful for you? Why? How has this verse impacted you?
- On Tuesday, we looked at the "Bystander Effect" and how people rarely break away from a group to take action. Yet, when someone does get involved, others usually follow. Have you identified an environment in your life where you need to break away from the crowd and stand up for your faith? How can you have courageous faith and display it in a way that honors God and demonstrates humility toward others?
- Were you able to think of different ways for you to live out your faith more courageously? Did you act on any of them? If so, how did it go?

### WEEKEND REMINDERS:

- **Dave Ramsey's Life.Money.Hope - June 14 and 15.**—Did you barely make it through the first half of the year financially? Do you want to improve your financial outlook for the second half of the year? In this two-day seminar, you will watch a three-part series from popular author, financial expert and top-rate television host Dave Ramsey. This seminar runs simultaneously with KidVille's Summer Blast. Cost for Life.Money.Hope is \$10 and includes book and course materials.
- **Leadership Summit**—Don't forget to register for this year's event! Special CedarCreek attendee discount rate still applies, but don't delay! To register, go to [www.cedarcreek.tv/summit](http://www.cedarcreek.tv/summit) for more information or to register.
- **Annual Business Meeting**—Want to hear about our annual budget or information about the plans for our church over the next year? CedarCreek's annual business meeting is Sunday June 26 at 5pm at the Perrysburg Campus.

**DAILY BIBLE READING COMMENTARY: Judges 1-3**

**1:1** “after the death of Joshua...” Descriptions of the book’s setting in Judges 1 and 2 vary between times after Joshua’s death and flashbacks summarizing conditions while he was alive.

**1:2** “Judah is to go...” The tribe received God’s first go-ahead to push for a more thorough conquest of its territory. The reason probably rested in God’s choice that Judah be the leader among the tribes.

**1:6** “cut off his thumbs and big toes...” Removing the king’s thumbs and big toes rendered him unable to use a weapon and unstable on the battlefield. This made him unable to fight in the future.

**2:1** “I will never break my covenant with you...” God would be faithful until the end, but the people would forfeit blessing for trouble, due to their disobedience.

**2:12** “they followed other gods...” Idol worship, such as the golden calf in the wilderness, flared up again. Many different gods from the area’s inhabitants entered the life of the Israelites.

**2:14** “In His anger against Israel...” Calamities designed as chastisement brought discipline intended to lead the people to repentance.

**2:16** “the Lord raised up judges...” A judge, or deliverer, was distinct from a judge in the English world today. Such a leader guided military expeditions against foes. There was no succession or national rule. They were local deliverers, lifted up to leadership by God when the deplorable conditions of Israel in the region around them prompted God to rescue the people.

**3:10** “The Spirit of the Lord came upon him...” Certain judges were expressly said to have the Spirit of the Lord come upon them.

**HomePointe Family Activity Section**

**Big Point:** We are courageous and stand up for what we believe, it makes it easier for others to be courageous and stand up for what they believe as well.

**Lesson:** There are lots of people in our society who courageously stand up for what they believe. It’s always a great idea to talk as a family about what makes a person courageous, whether it was a courageous action or taking a stand for faith. The best time to have these conversations are when we hear any story of a courageous person or perhaps, taking the time to read a biography of someone who was bold and courageous enough to stand alone for what he or she believed in.

**Activity:** Answer the following questions:

1. Who is the most courageous person you know personally? Why did you pick that person?
2. What is the bravest or most courageous thing you have ever done? What did you learn about yourself when you chose to be courageous?
3. This week, we learned about Caleb and Joshua and how they courageous stood up for God when the Israelites were against them. In what ways can you let others know that you stand for God?

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for the example of Caleb and Joshua. We pray that we will always be courageous and brave for You. We know that when we are courageous, others will be inspired to be courageous, too.

**Living It Out: \*\*NEW\*\* June 2011**

***Joshua 24:15 (New Living Translation)***

***“But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose to-day whom you will serve. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”***

**Living It Out**

*It is the dream of CedarCreek that everyone who calls this their church home will be reading and studying the same topics, both individually and in groups. Each week, join with thousands of others at CedarCreek Church in applying God’s Word, the Bible, into your daily life. Our hope is that while we learn and grow together, as individuals and as a church, we will collectively live out the weekend message.*

*Living It Out resources, such as the Daily Bible Study, Daily Bible Reading Plan, Discussion Questions and Scripture Memory Verses, are designed to help us embrace a missional mindset...a mindset that compels us to love Jesus, serve others and tell the world about Christ.*

**Living It Out: Daily Bible Study...**Daily Bible study activities to reflect on the weekend message

**Living It Out: Daily Bible Reading Plan...**Read through the Old Testament in a year

**Living It Out: Discussion Questions...**Weekly questions to discuss with others

**Living It Out: Scripture Memory...**Memorize one Bible verse per month

*All of these resources are also available electronically at [www.livingitout.tv](http://www.livingitout.tv), where you can subscribe to have any or all of them emailed to you as they are updated.*

**We Want Your Feedback!**

**Tell us about any questions or comments you have about this week’s Living It Out: Daily Bible Study. Forward them to [barbr@cedarcreek.tv](mailto:barbr@cedarcreek.tv).**

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