

JUDGES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
Week 8: Growing in Faith

Scripture Reading: Judges 6:25-40

1. A display of false power (verses 25-35)

- God's first command to Gideon in verses 25-26
 - *God can use whoever He wants to advance His kingdom*
 - *Joash is practicing Syncreticism*
 - Syncreticism is the worship of God through pagan methods/practices.
- Three things about Joash's words in verse 31:
 - *Joash challenges Baal to save himself*
 - Similar to 1 Kings 18:27
 - *Joash was most likely a pillar of the community*
 - *Only false gods lose their altars*
- Gideon's name is changed to Jerubbaal
- The "*Spirit of the LORD*" clothed Gideon
 - Unified army of 3.5 tribes

2. A display of true power (verses 36-40)

- **Caution** over Gideon's request
 - *Deuteronomy 6:16/Matthew 4*
 - *"But I will be with you"*
- Hebrews 1:1-2, Romans 8:24-25