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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Many of us would like to know what will happen in the future. Some people go to fortune tellers or card readers to ask what they can expect in the years ahead. The God of Heaven does not want us to do that. He alone holds future knowledge. Some things He has revealed in His book, The Bible. But because we become afraid easily, He does not show us the things that are going to happen to us well ahead. He wants us to trust Him.

Just imagine that if we did know the future, and today was the day we were allotted to have an accident and break a leg. Most of us would not get out of bed all day. We would live in fear and not feel secure at any time. It is a mercy of God that we don't know ahead of time the troubles that lie ahead. In the Bible book, Matthew Chapter 6, it says not to worry or be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries and anxieties of its own.

Today we will hear about a man called Gideon. God had called him to destroy the altar of the false god Baal. The other people were afraid Baal would be angry and would make terrible things happen to them. So they wanted to kill Gideon for making trouble. But Gideon's father said, "If Baal is a **real** god, he should have looked after himself. **He** should have killed Gideon himself." But of course Baal could not. His power was only **in the minds** of the people who worshipped him.

Now God had another task for Gideon. He told Gideon to fight and defeat the Midianites. For seven years, these people had stolen many valuable animals and crops from the Israelites. God had allowed it because the people were bowing down to idols. Because the Israelites had been too weak to stop the Midian raiding parties, they retreated to mountain caves and strongholds. Life had become very difficult and everyone lived in fear. And Gideon was afraid too. Even though the Angel messenger had given him a sign that he would have the victory over the Midianites, he was not sure he could defeat them. Let's listen and hear how Gideon learned to trust God.

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Even when many others came to help him, Gideon still doubted he could defeat the enemy. But he knew God had looked after him when he had destroyed the altar of the idol god, Baal. His people were then willing to help him. You can read about this in the Bible book, Judges Chapter 6.

Well, Gideon wanted to be quite **certain** the Almighty God had really spoken to him. The Angel had already given him a sign. But Gideon asked God for a special sign, twice over. First for a wet fleece, with the ground around it dry. Then for a dry fleece, on wet ground. This act of Gideon's is termed "Putting Out a Fleece." It means to ask God to do some special thing to verify His will and is evidence of unbelief and not faith.

However, God graciously gave Gideon the clear sign he asked for, and He may do that for you too. But this is not the level on which God wants to meet you. Immature faith needs signs for reassurance. Mature faith takes God at His Word and obeys.

Gideon did dare to trust God, even though it looked impossible for his little band of 300 men to overcome the mighty Midianite army.

Is your life like Gideon's? Do the people around you go to fortune-tellers and try to get guidance from the dead? Perhaps you understand Almighty God is greater and more powerful than all the powers of darkness. But you still feel your faith in God is weak and you have no strength to stand against them.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth, a man asked Jesus to heal his son. A powerful evil spirit often sent the boy into fits, throwing him into the fire or trying to drown him. The father knew his own faith in Jesus was weak, and yet he came to the Saviour. He said, "I do have faith, but not enough. Help me to have more!" And the Lord Jesus did help him. He cast the evil spirit out of the man's son and made him well again.

How can we strengthen our faith in God? Firstly we have to accept that everything God says in the Bible about Himself, the Lord Jesus and the human need for a Saviour is true. In James Chapter 2 it says that even the demons believe this much. Secondly, faith trusts God's Word that by His undeserved favour we are made right with God because of what Christ did for us. This leads us to confess our trust in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Our faith grows and matures through adversity much more than when things are going smoothly. God has given us many precious promises in the Bible to hold onto in times of distress.

The Bible book Nahum, chapter 1 says: "The Lord is good. He is a refuge in time of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him."

And Psalm 33 says: "The Lord watches over those who obey Him – who trust in His constant love."

And one more: "In ALL things, God works for the good of those who love Him." (You will find that in Romans, chapter 8.)

Perhaps you are God's child through faith in the Lord Jesus, but you are facing big problems. The Bible book I Corinthians, chapter 10, says this, "God keeps His promise, and He will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm.....He will give you the strength to endure.....and so provide you with a way out.."

Just as your muscles grow stronger and stronger with exercise, so does your faith. So put **your** trust in the True and Living God.

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That was Tampa Lann singing 'From All My Fears.'

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