

**November 12 | Sunday**

God's Grand Story: Grace vs. Obedience

Read [Deuteronomy 6:5-4](#)



**13 | Mon – Facing a challenge** | Read [Joshua 1:1-9, then 3:1-17 and 6:1-20](#)

After years of wandering in the desert, the nation of Israel was standing at the door of the Promise Land. Joshua, the new leader, was in the unenviable position of filling Moses' shoes. Yet God had called him to this task and gave Joshua the promise of His presence. The battle of Jericho was a prime example of how obedience to God's direction can accomplish the impossible. What about your life? Are you facing something that seems beyond your ability to handle? How does Joshua's story encourage you?

**14 | Tue – Success breeds...overconfidence?** | Read [Joshua 7:1-12](#)

After Israel's success at the battle of Jericho, the country village of Ai must have seemed like a piece of cake. It was not. When analyzing their defeat, it was revealed that one man's greed had caused God to remove His favor. Have you ever experienced failure in what seemed to be a sure thing? Defeat is not always a sign of hidden sin but it can be a good time to stop and check your heart.

**15 | Wed – Will they ever learn?** | Read [Judges 2:1-23 and 21:25](#)

Imagine living in a world described in Judges 21:25. After Joshua's death, the people fell into sinful ways and suffered God's discipline in the form of oppression by their godless neighbors. Israel repented and cried out to God who sent a deliverer. Then they became complacent, falling back to their old ways, and the cycle repeated itself. Judges records seven of these cycles. Are you experiencing the same difficulties repeatedly in some area of your life? Ask God to show you what you are missing. He is a faithful God who WILL help you!

**16 | Thu – 135,000 against 32,000...I mean 10,000...no, it's 300** | Read [Judges 6:1-7:22](#)

Gideon was a reluctant leader but once convinced that God was calling him to deliver the people, he obeyed wholeheartedly. Read Gideon's conversation with God and the amazing miracles that happened as a result. No matter your situation, when you step out in obedience, God fights for you. What is God asking you to do today?

**17 | Fri – An imperfect deliverer** | Read [Judges 13:1-5 and 16:4-31](#)

Samson was a rare child whose parents knew his life's purpose before he was born. As a boy, the Spirit of God was upon him but as a young man, Samson knowingly began to make poor choices. Read verses 16:28-30 to see how God was able to fulfill His purpose for Samson in spite of the mess he made of his life. How does the story of Samson encourage you?

**18 | Sat – Tragedy** | Read [Ruth 1:1-2 and 4:13-22](#)

Can God bring good out of tragedy? During the time of the judges, one family left the Promise Land and moved to a neighboring country where death robbed Naomi of her husband and two sons. She returned home, a bitter woman, with the daughter-in-law who refused to leave her. Ruth was an outsider but she had chosen Naomi's God. Read how God blessed Ruth for her faithfulness, melted away Naomi's bitterness, and placed Ruth in the family tree from which Jesus was eventually born. Yes, God can bring good out of tragedy.