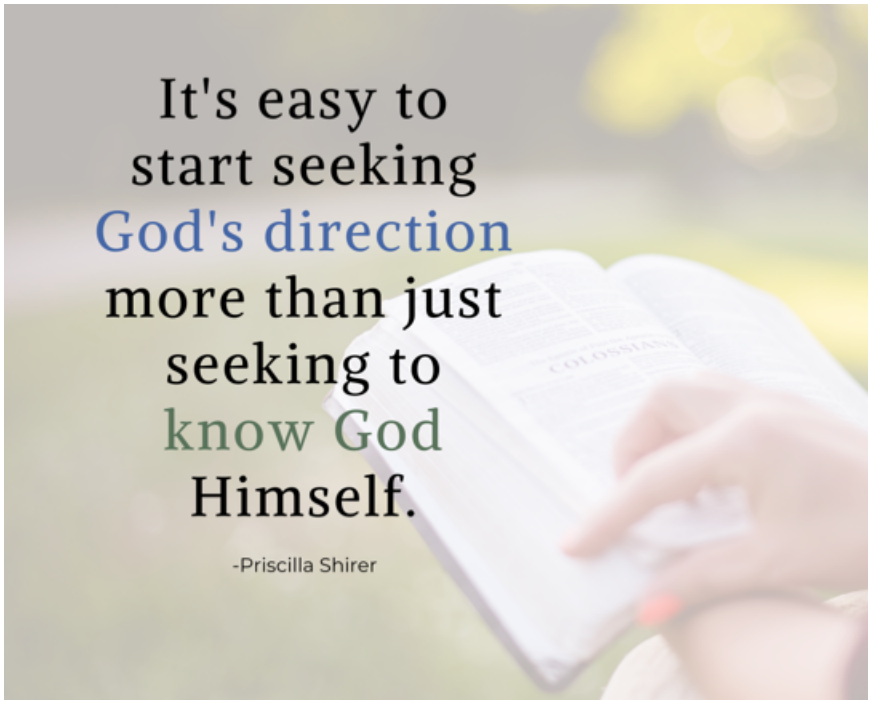
Walk by Faith and Not by Sight...

Exploring Faith by

Exploring the Lives of the OT Saints!



"You will seek Me
and find Me,
when you seek Me
with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV)

"Gideon: *The Struggles of a Growing Faith*" (Pt. 3)

Judges 6 & 7

Critical Concept: The struggles often encountered by God's people when He calls them to trust Him/His Word most often stem from a confusion surrounding the object of our faith.

I. Called Out of Darkness

A. The spiritual climate of Israel

- *"The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years."* (6:1)
- *"And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."* (6:10)

B. The call of Gideon

- *"And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me."* (6:17) There are two aspects to Gideon's request:
  (1) Gideon's request was related to his standing with God: *"If now I have found favor in your eyes."*
  (2) Gideon's request for a sign was also related to assurance of who was actually speaking/commanding Him to act against the Midianites: *"If now … then show me a sign … <u>that it is you</u> who speak with me."*

II. Called to Make a Difference

A. Trouble brewing again

B. "*God, give me proof*"

> What's a "fleece"?

> Why do "fleeces" express weak faith?

C. The object of faith is essential

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)