**Sermon Heroes of the Faith – Gideon** Hebrews 11:32-34 1 Cor. 1:26-29 1 Peter 4:11

**1. Gideon is Called**

**Hebrews 11:32-34**

32And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

**2. Gideon’s Excuses and Tests of God**

**1 Corinthians 1:26-29**

**26**Brothers and sisters think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. **27**But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **28**God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, **29**so that no one may boast before him.

**3. Gideon is Used to Provide Victory for the People and to God’s Glory**

**1 Peter 4:11**

11If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Isaiah 43:7**

7everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Questions for Reflection:**

1. Can you identify with Gideon and others who feel they are not qualified for service for God?

2. Have you seen people that surprised you in their success in ministry?

3. Can you think of people who are not held in high esteem but are heroes?

4. What excuses do you use when there is a need for ministry?

5. If there is nothing we can do to earn our salvation, why do we think we need to do ministry on our own?

6. What have you done that has brought Glory to God?

**Questions for Parents and Kids:**

1. Talk to them about how God has plans to use all people.

2. Tell them that God loves us and can use us even though we are not perfect.

3. Ask them if there is anything they cannot do.

4. Make sure that God will help them to do the things that He has for them in their life.

5. Explain that when we trust in God to do amazing things it brings Him glory.

6. Tell them that even though Gideon was afraid and felt he was the least of all in his family God used him to save others.