

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

DOCUSERIES

Episode 4 | Unlikely Heroes | Hebrews 11:32-35

God is so gracious to use us even though we fail. In fact, the Word says He knew us and loved before the foundation of the world and still planned on drawing us to Himself, knowing about our weaknesses and struggles.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (20 min)

As a Home Group, share about a time when you realized that God still wants to use you even though you sometimes fail. Ask God to strengthen your awareness of His love and acceptance.



REWIND (20 min)

Please share how God led you to surrender more fully last week to what He is doing in your life.



READ (10 min)

As a Home Group read **Hebrews 11:32-35**



REFLECT (25 min)

Talk through the events of the stories of Gideon (Judges 6 & 7) and Samson (Judges 13 - 16).

1. **What similarities do you see between their lives and yours?**
2. **Are you ever tempted to center on your strengths and weaknesses rather than the power and will of God?**
3. **How should we deal with the tendency to concentrate on ourselves rather than on doing God's will?**

Encourage one another with scriptures about the ability to overcome through God. Use an online concordance to look up specific verses you can meditate on throughout the week.

Look at this quote from the message this week. Share your thoughts.

"In truth, sin will take us farther than we may intend to go. It will hold us longer than we intend to stay. Furthermore, sin will cost us more than we intend to pay."



REACH (5 min)

Considering our lesson this week, let's ask God to help us prefer others over ourselves and think of ourselves less often. Praise Him that even though we may struggle at times, He still loves us and uses our lives to accomplish His will.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how God helped you to think and put others above your needs.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Philippians 2:3

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