

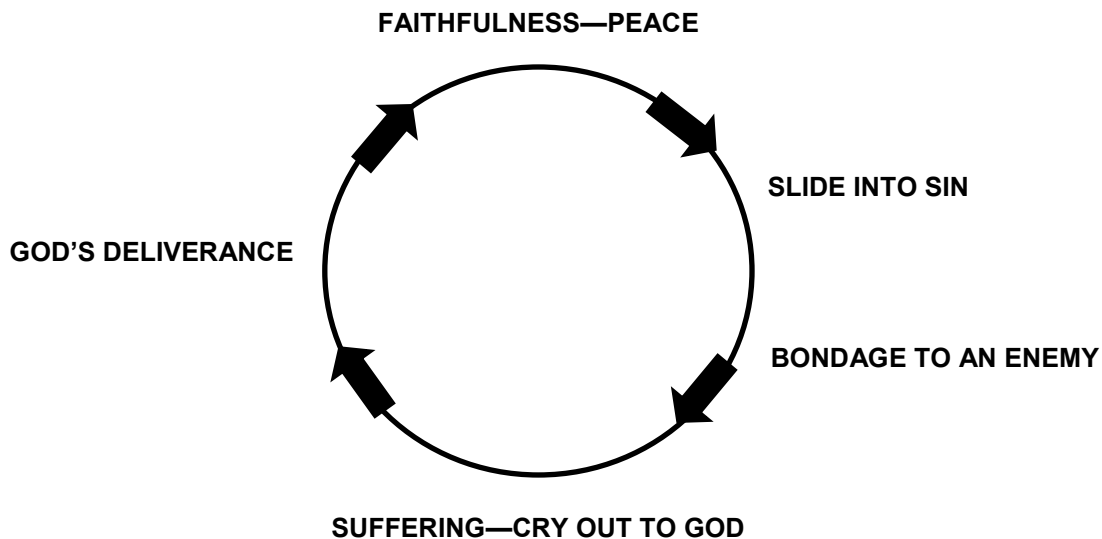
## REAL HEROES FOR DARK DAYS

### A STUDY OF JUDGES

#### #5: GIDEON: FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY JUDGES 6 AND 7

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## I. THE DESTRUCTIVE CYCLE OF SIN CONTINUES



## II. REASONS GOD CAN USE THE ORDINARY TO DO THE EXTRAORDINARY— JUDGES 6-7

1. God uses tough times to get my attention (6:1-6)

## **2. God sees potential that I can't (v.7-12)**

As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

Romans 4:17 (NIV)

## **3. God provides the strength that I don't have (v.13-24)**

## **4. God patiently waits for my faith to grow (v.25-40)**

*Ways that I find God's Will for my life:*

- His written Word
- Prayer
- Promptings of the Holy Spirit
- Wisdom of godly people

## **5. God gives me victory against overwhelming enemies (7:1-25)**

Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)