

## FOUR STORIES, FOR GOD'S GLORY

*Your Story, His Glory*

- Jephthah made a terrible mistake but God used him anyway.

**EITHER WE BELIEVE IN THE REDEEMING GRACE OF GOD OR WE DON'T.**

### Lessons from Four Cracked Pots

So what are we to think about these four flawed heroes?

- **Gideon** who was afraid to answer God's call.
- **Barak** who was so timid he needed a woman to tell him what to do.
- **Samson** who couldn't control his emotions.
- **Jephthah** who made a foolish vow.

These are seriously flawed men, yet they made the Book!

If there is room for them, there is room for you and me.

Down deep they were men of faith who believed in God and were willing to act on what they believed. Their very significant faults cannot be overlooked but those faults cannot and do not keep them out of the Hall of Fame in Hebrews 11.

God uses **flawed people** to **demonstrate His grace** so that when the victory is won, **He alone gets the glory**.

Why would God use men like this?

Paul said the same thing in 2 Corinthians 4:7, "*Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.*" (HCSB)

So hang on to that word "anyway."

- Gideon was fearful but God used him anyway.
- Barak was timid but God used him anyway.
- Samson did a lot of dumb stuff but God used him anyway.