

New Life Christian Fellowship

Critically ill, persecuted, imprisoned for not conforming to the established church; pastor, [theologian](#), and [controversialist](#), Richard Baxter (1615-1691) set his thoughts on heaven and "... preached as never sure to preach again, as a dying man to dying men."

Esther, wife of powerful King Xerxes, pled for her people's lives. Risking everything, Esther said: "Go and get all the Jews living in Susa together. Fast for me. Don't eat or drink for three days, either day or night. I and my maids will fast with you. If you will do this, I'll go to the king, even though it's forbidden. If I die, I die."

They faced challenges, but lived with faith and hope. Could we live like them? The answer is yes! In our everyday lives we can choose to live with positive attitudes, despite what life brings.

God's angel described Gideon as a "Mighty Warrior" (Judges 6:12), saying "The Lord is with you... I am sending you".

Gideon doubted: "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? ...But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian....but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." The LORD answered, "I will be with you..."

Gideon felt abandoned by The Lord and saw himself as a cowering wimp! Yet God used Gideon, he was victorious, proving God *was* with him.

Many have: "been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we're not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized, but God hasn't left our side; we've been thrown down, but we haven't broken." Their victories can give us hope.

Live in the here and now; worrying about the future, dwelling on the past will do us no good. "This is the day the LORD has made.... rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24).

In hard times, hold on to the hope of God's promise that "we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Romans 8:28)

Take one day at a time, trust God's promises, hold onto hope. Remember God is with you.

If you want to talk or would like us to pray for you call: 01834 812839/01834 831533. New Life Christian Fellowship meet: Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome.