

## New here?

**Sunday large gatherings:** 8, 9:15, & 11 a.m.;  
6 p.m.; [npberean.org/live](http://npberean.org/live)

**Bibles:** available at information center

**Sound levels:** assisted listening devices and  
earplugs available at sound booth

**Office hours:** Mon.-Thu. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (closed  
Tue. in observance of Independence Day)

**Contact us:** [npberean@npberean.org](mailto:npberean@npberean.org),  
308-532-7448, [npberean.org](http://npberean.org)

## For families

**Mother's Room:** A private place to care for your  
baby and still connect to the gathering via  
livestream – follow signs north of auditorium.

**Kids Connect:** First Look (infant-PreK) available  
at 9:15 and 11 a.m. – check-in upstairs from  
foyer. 252 (K-5) and 252 Tween (6<sup>th</sup> grade) on  
break for summer.

**Sola (grades 6-12):** On break for summer – will  
resume with 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition on 8/2 and Back  
to Sola Kickoff (all grades) on 8/9.

## Today's songs

- *Same God* – Elevation Worship
- *Yet Not I but through Christ in Me* – CityAlight
- *Build My Life* – Passion

## Giving

**Sunday:** use wooden boxes by auditorium doors

**Online:** [npberean.org/give](http://npberean.org/give)

**Text:** text any amount to 84321

**Mail:** 202 W. 8th St., North Platte, NE 69101

## Coming up

**Partnering with Families:** Welcome to our  
Elementary age students this morning! We're  
looking forward to the next 6 weeks as we  
worship and pray together as families, and  
experience communion and baptisms together!  
Taking a break in the summer gives our Small  
Group Leaders a time of rest and renewal as we  
prepare for an August 13 Kickoff!

To help you as families continue to lead your  
children toward Christ, we have the  
252 videos and devotions for July on  
our website. To access the resources  
each week, use this QR code or go to  
[npberean.org/kids-connect-at-home](http://npberean.org/kids-connect-at-home).



As our Preschoolers move to a new phase in  
Kindergarten, we will have a special Sneak Peek  
time for them and their families on July 30th in  
the 252 room during either the 9:15 or 11:00  
gathering.



# BEREAN CHURCH

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## Welcome!

We'd love to connect and be a spiritual resource  
for you! Please fill out a ConnectCard (in seat  
pocket or [npberean.org/cc](http://npberean.org/cc)).

If you're new, bring your ConnectCard to the  
information center for a welcome gift.

## Go paperless

**Interactive bulletin:** [npberean.org/sunday](http://npberean.org/sunday)

**PDF bulletin:** [npberean.org/sundayprint](http://npberean.org/sundayprint)

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**Next week's sermon:** Judges 6:33-40

# Following Through Fear

Follow Your Heart? • John Stone

God's \_\_\_\_\_ us  
(Judg. 6:7-10)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ us (Judg.  
6:8b-10, Ps. 103:11, Exod. 34:6, Lam. 3:33)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ us  
(Judg. 6:11-24, Exod. 3:11, 13, 4:1, 10; Matt.  
28:20; Heb. 13:5-6)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ us  
(Judg. 3:25-32)

## Judges 6:1-32 ESV

<sup>1</sup> The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. ... <sup>6</sup> And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup> the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. <sup>9</sup> And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup> And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."

<sup>11</sup> Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." <sup>13</sup> And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." <sup>14</sup> And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "Please, LORD, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return." ...

<sup>25</sup> That night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has,

and cut down the Asherah that is beside it <sup>26</sup> and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

<sup>28</sup> When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. <sup>29</sup> And they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And after they had searched and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." <sup>30</sup> Then the men of the town said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it." <sup>31</sup> But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down." <sup>32</sup> Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar.

## Talk it over

Visit [npberean.org/grow-groups](http://npberean.org/grow-groups) to find a group, start a group, or get more resources.

- What was one thing from this week's sermon that impacted/challenged me?
- *Treasuring God*: What is God showing me about himself?
- *Being Transformed*: How is God challenging me to grow? What is my next step in that area?
- *Loving Others*: Who do I have opportunity to live out these truths with this week?