## Four Lessons from Four Men – mentioned in one verse

Hebrews 11:32 - Barak, Gideon, Samson and Jephthah

## God can use flawed people to do great things

Judg 6:14-15 - Gideon thought he was unqualified to lead God's people since his family was the in Manasseh, and he was the in his family.
Judg 11:1-3 - Jephthah was the son of two  He was driven out of town by his own half-brothers.
Judg 14:1-3 - Samson fell in love with women. (see Deut 7:1-5)
God is patient while our faith grows
Judg 4:8 - After Debra told Barak that God would deliver the Canaanites into his hand, he set a on going into battle. Make no mistake about it this was bad! God determined that Barak wouldn't receive glory for the victory, but he still used him to defeat the Canaanites and His people from severe oppression.
Judg 6:17-18; Judg 6:36-40; Judg 7:9-16 - Gideon for three proofs that he was really the one God was going to use to deliver His people.  God was patient enough to Gideon a fourth sign, and he needed it.
God Requires Life Giving Faith
Judg 4:14-16 - Even though Barak would only go to battle if Deborah went with him, he still had enough faith to go to battle and destroy Sisera's army.
Judg 7:15-18 - Gideon had enough faith to refer to a victory intense. He said the Lord has delivered Midian into your hand.
Judg 8:10-12 - Gideon went to battle with men against an army of 135,000 men. The odds were 450 to 1.
Although it took four signs to get Gideon to where God wanted him to be, he got there and was used by God to do something great.
All four men knew victory belonged to God
Judg 5:1-5 - Deborah and Barak sang a song that gives the credit for the victory over the Canaanites.
Judg 8:22-23 - Gideon refused to become king over Israel because he knew that God was the only true king and God was the true of Israel.

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in the Lord's kingdom!
faith isn't perfect yet.
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he does in our lives.

Judg 11:23 - In verse 9 Jephthah knew that it was God who would give victory over the Ammonites.