

# **Laying a Fleece**

## **Message Study Notes for 30th May 2021**

When we have problems, we often ask God questions about why, how, and what happens next.

As a rule, the bible says asking God questions is fine, as God understands our confusion; but it doesn't say we should ask God for a sign, or for proof of what he says, except in a few exceptions.

### **Would you ask God for a sign? If so, what? And would you believe it if God answered?**

The preferred bible position is to know God's heart, to follow Jesus, and to live from that attitude. Then, it says, you can trust that, in all things, you are doing God's will.

### **What would you say is God's heart, as we see it in Jesus?**

#### **Read Judges 6 verses 11 to 18.**

We see one of the few exceptions where the bible shows someone asking God for a sign to prove what God said.

### **Why, do you think, did God simply agree to Gideon's request (several times)?**

The answer to the question, 'Why do bad things happen?' seems to be 'Why don't you do something about it?'

### **Does that help? If so, in what way?**

Gideon seems to show that when we take a stand for our faith the result may not be what we expect.

### **Have you experienced this in your life? How?**

Finally:

### **Discuss these three possible pointers from the Gideon story:**

1. God honours our faith. That means we need to take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, but move forward.
2. It is possible to honour family members while making different spiritual choices
3. If you must decide something, and God's will isn't clear, work out WHY it's not. Either God has already told you, or he says, 'Whatever choice you make, it's okay.'