

WORSHIP NOTES

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Gideon & His Son

Judges 9:1-6

One day Gideon's son Abimelech went to Shechem to visit his uncles—his mother's brothers. He said to them and to the rest of his mother's family, "Ask the leading citizens of Shechem whether they want to be ruled by all seventy of Gideon's sons or by one man. And remember that I am your own flesh and blood!" So Abimelech's uncles gave his message to all the citizens of Shechem on his behalf. And after listening to this proposal, the people of Shechem decided in favor of Abimelech because he was their relative. They gave him seventy silver coins from the temple of Baal-berith, which he used to hire some reckless troublemakers who agreed to follow him. He went to his father's home at Ophrah, and there, on one stone, they killed all seventy of his half brothers, the sons of Gideon. But the youngest brother, Jotham, escaped and hid. Then all the leading citizens of Shechem and Beth-millo called a meeting under the oak beside the pillar at Shechem and made Abimelech their king.

I. RESUMING THE JOURNEY

II. THE STORY OF GIDEON

III. THE STORY CONTINUES WITH ABIMELECH

IV. WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL TO US ABOUT:

A. GOD

B. OURSELVES

C. JESUS