



Session 9: Willing Servants
Suggested Week of Use: January 29, 2017
Core Passages: Judges 4:4-10,12-16

News Story Summary

Gene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon, passed away on January, 16, 2017. Cernan was the commander of Apollo 17, which was his third spaceflight. Before leaving the moon's surface on December 14, 1972, he wrote the initials of his daughter (TDC) in the moon dust and then climbed the ladder. He logged more than 500 hours of time in space, with 73 of those hours being on the surface of the moon. He continued to be an advocate for space exploration.

When asked about the experience of walking on the moon, Cernan called it "perhaps the brightest moment of my life, and I can't go back. Enriched by a singular event that is larger than life, I no longer have the luxury of being ordinary."

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Gene Cernan.")

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, begin by sharing about the life of Gene Cernan. Lead the group to identify reasons men like Gene Cernan inspire us. Ask: *How do the accomplishments of Mr. Cernan motivate others to act?* Ask the first question listed in the Discuss idea (Why does another person's willingness to serve motivate us to act?) Complete the step as written.

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge idea, remind the group of the news summary. Ask group members to compare Barak's and Gene Cernan's response to a challenge. Explain that Cernan challenged others to return to the moon, while Barak needed someone to encourage him. Deborah became a source of strength and courage for Barak. Ask group members to look around the room at one another. Challenge them to encourage and willingly endure with fellow group members and others who are facing difficulty.