

The Call of Gideon

Gideon was on ordinary guy!

▶ JUDGES 6:11

▶ The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

God speaking changes everything

- ▶ Judges 6:12
- ▶ When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”

Oppression, suffering and pain can cloud our view of God's will and capacity.

▶ Judges 6:13

▶ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

Go in the strength you have

- ▶ Judges 6:14
- ▶ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”



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I am the weakest , I am the least!

▶ Judges 6:15-22

▶ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

Give me a sign

▶ Judges 6:17-18

▶ Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.” And the LORD said, “I will wait until you return.”

Tear down your father's altar

- ▶ That same night the LORD said to him, “Take the second bull from your father’s herd, the one seven years old.^[b] Tear down your father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole^[c] beside it. Then build a proper kind of^[d] altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second^[e] bull as a burnt offering.” So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the townspeople, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

Centre of Biblical world view is the worship of God.

- ▶ John 4:21-24
- ▶ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Framework to understand calling

- ▶ Highest Call
 - ▶ Common Call
 - ▶ Specific Call
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- ▶ Understanding how to commune with the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

God is calling YOU

- ▶ **Keys to walking in your CALL**
- ▶ 1) Be in expectation for God to speak. It changes everything!
- ▶ 2) Give your pain to the Lord so you can receive His perspective.
- ▶ 3) Tear down the altars!
- ▶ 4) **GO IN THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE!**