

Gideon

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NOTES

The God Who Equips Those He Calls

Judges 6:25-40

Last week we saw in the first part of Judges 6 the LORD calling Gideon who, at the time, was cowering in the fear of his enemies. God's answer to Gideon's fear was the promise of His presence with him. This week we'll see that God doesn't expect us to be fully equipped already for what He's calling us to do; rather, He equips those He calls.

1. **You cannot serve two masters** (v. 25-26; cf. Matt. 6:24)
 - *"How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." (1 Ki. 18:21)*
2. **Courage isn't the absence of fear; courage is being obedient to God in the midst of fear** (v. 27)
 - *What's important isn't fearlessness, it's obedience.*
3. **God doesn't call brave people; He makes brave those He calls** (v. 32-35)
 - *"But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon..." (v. 34)*
4. **God isn't afraid to stoop down and reassure us in our fears** (v. 36-40)
 - *How do **we** know that God is with us?*

Study Guide

Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. Why must Gideon tear down the Baal idols and the Asherah pole? Why is this so important to God that Gideon do this?
2. Why doesn't his father get angry with Gideon after he does this? What was his father's reasoning to the 'men of the town'?
3. What idols do we have in our lives that need to go? How do we go about 'tearing them down'?
4. Read Judges 6:27 again. Was it sinful for Gideon to be afraid and not tear down the idols in the daytime? Why or why not?
5. In Judges 6:34, the LORD "clothes" Gideon. What does it mean to be *clothed* by the Spirit of the LORD? What does this tell us about our God and what He does for us?
6. Read the fleece narrative again in verses 36-40. Why does Gideon ask for this sign, not just once, but twice? Should we be 'laying out fleece' like Gideon does here? Why or why not?
7. How does the LORD assure Gideon of the promise of His presence? How can we be sure of God's promise of His presence with us?
8. What does God's response to Gideon in this passage reveal about God's character? What does this passage reveal about God's expectations of us?
9. What needs to change in your life in response to what God has revealed in this passage?