

# Gideon

Judges 6:1-24

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Today we begin a 5-week series in Judges 6-8 on the life of Gideon. We are going to see God raising up a scared coward and, by His strength, turning him into a conqueror for His glory. This morning we'll see a number of incredible truths as we study God's call on Gideon's life in verses 1-24 of Judges 6.

1. God doesn't always respond to our cries for help in the way we expect Him to. (v. 1-10)
2. God sees, not what Gideon is now, but who He was about to make Gideon to be. (v. 11-12)
3. God's answer to fear and discouragement isn't positive thinking, it's the promise of His presence. (v. 13-24)

# Study Guide

## Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. What was the purpose of God sending a prophet to Israel in response to their cries for help? Why didn't He send them a deliverer first?
2. Why doesn't the LORD give a "therefore" after the prophetic word in verse 10? What does this tell us about the LORD?
3. What are Gideon's objections/excuses to God's call on his life? What are other excuses you've heard? What excuses are you making?
4. What is God's response to Gideon's objections and excuses? What is His promise?
5. God's promise to Gideon "I will be with you" (6:12, 16) has a lot of history. It's the same promise God gave to Moses (Exod. 3:12) and Joshua (Josh. 1:5). And it's the same promise Jesus gives to believers today (Matt 28:20). Why is this promise so important to us today? In what ways are we just as inadequate as Gideon? What area of your life specifically do you need to hear this promise?
6. Gideon asks for a sign to assure him of the promise of God's presence with him. Do Christians today need to be asking for a sign like this to assure them of His presence? Why not?
7. In verses 22 and 23, Gideon is terrified because he realized that He had been communing with God. Would you call this a 'well-placed fear' or a 'misplaced fear'? What are some things (good or bad) that can occur when individuals develop a greater fear of the LORD?