



Lesson #3: You and God Make a Majority (Judges 6)

Have you ever _____ God's promises? Have you ever _____ his work in your life? Of course, you have. As we open to Judges 6 we find a man who doubts God's promises and questions God's work. You could say that this man, Gideon, is a lot like you and me. Gideon goes down in our Bibles as probably the most fearful, doubtful, and cowardly man in Scripture.

No biblical character requires and receives more divine assurance than Gideon. Over and over again Gideon doubts his own _____. But aren't you glad that God delights in using the doubtful and downhearted? Are you glad that God wants to use "messy lives" to accomplish His redemptive purposes?

Gideon's story demonstrates that it is really in our moments of _____ that God's _____ is best seen. God allows Gideon to prove that **you and God make a majority**. The story of Gideon shows that God wants to be a faithful-filled believer who overcomes doubts to lead others towards Him.

GOD CALLS YOU TO STAND FOR HIM BECAUSE OF THE _____ AROUND YOU (6:1-10)

The book of Judges records a dark time in Israel's history. "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25).

- A. God calls leaders to stand when _____ is unrelenting (6:1-7)**
Judges 6:7 tells us of the Israelites in sin once again. It is at this point that the Midianites come to wipe them out. As this great army comes in they come in just like sin comes into our lives. "Midian" means "_____." The Midianites come in just like sin because they come in like robbers. After all, sin robs men and women and societies of peace, joy, and wholeness in God.
- B. God calls leaders to stand when _____ are unheeded (6:8-10)**
At the end of verses 8-10 we read of an unnamed prophet. His message consisted primarily of two parts:
1. He _____ of God's _____
 2. He _____ them for not obeying God's voice
- But when this prophet spoke this wasn't a time that the children of Israel were eager to hear from the Lord. They plugged their ears.

GOD CALLS YOU TO STAND FOR HIM BECAUSE OF THE _____ HE HAS GIVEN YOU (6:11-15)

It is the choice of deliverer that is somewhat surprising. Yet, throughout Scripture God chooses to use broken people to accomplish His purposes.

- A. God commissions people who make incorrection _____ (6:13)**
You can't help but see the calling of God at work in Gideon's life. Gideon is going to be in the Hall of Faith but in verse 13 we hear him saying, "What's the use. God has _____ us."
- B. God commissions people who have insufficient _____ (6:14-15)**
Gideon repeated his doubts in verses 14-15. He kept thinking, "How can I be used?" His main concern now was the lack of funds he had to make this even possible. But, dear Christian, if God is able to save you to the _____ surely He is also able to use you to reach the guttermost.
- C. God commissions people who are insistent in their _____ (6:17)**
Gideon is really a phobic. Gideon becomes famous as being the "Doubting Thomas" of the OT. God had already told Gideon what to do and yet still Gideon doubted.

GOD CALLS YOU TO STAND FOR HIM BECAUSE OF THE _____ HE HAS GIVEN TO YOU (6:25-32)

God has moved Gideon's perspective off the problems and now he can show his usefulness in the ministry.

- A. God's calling is confirmed by God's _____**
Certainly this passage puts Gideon's weaknesses on display but God graciously answers this doubting man and presents him with sustaining power.
6:17-18 – God promises to be _____ him.
6:18-22a – God promises to give him _____.
6:22b – God promises that He is in _____.
These promises are meant to calm Gideon's fear and show him that God really is in charge.
- B. God's calling is confirmed by God's _____**
In verse 14 Gideon builds an altar to God and here calls it "The Lord is Peace – *Jehovah Shalom*." This is in fact, the _____ place in Scripture that we find that name. In the circumstances of strife, in the strife of life, God appeared to Gideon and presented Himself as peace.

Concluding Thoughts

Just looking on the outside it doesn't look like Gideon will amount to much in the Lord's work. He is fearful, timid, and full of doubt. He has more questions than answers. However, Gideon is being brought to a place of _____. Gideon's name is forever recorded for us in the "Hall of Faith" (Hebrews 11:32). His story teaches us an important lesson: When God _____ He always _____. That is the life story and legacy of Gideon.

