



SERMON NOTES



Week 4 (June 27, 2021):
"Gideon"

*Judges 6:4-6, 11-18; 7:2, 13, 18; 8:22-24, 27;
Hebrews 1:1-2; I Corinthians 12-13*

I. Introduction

- A. The Israelites are being oppressed by the _____.
- B. The 'Angel of the Lord' is a deep hint of the _____.
- C. It's important to ask the "what" questions, not just the "why" questions when we are in the midst of _____.

II. God calls Gideon to redeem Israel

- A. Gideon wants _____ that it is God who is speaking to him.
- B. Gideon was unsure of his calling and he asked God to _____ it through the welcome mat request.
- C. God reduces the number of _____ because he doesn't want the Israelites boasting about the victory.

III. Life Lessons from Gideon's story

- A. Rest in the _____ of God, He can be trusted.
- B. We need to believe about us, what _____ believes about us.
- C. Be mindful of your _____.

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INTRODUCTION

Gideon was terrified by his circumstances and doubted God's ability to deliver. Test after test ensued as Gideon tried to ensure that God was with him. Even in faithless duty God used Gideon and delivered the people of God from their oppression. However, at the pinnacle of his influence, Gideon finds himself initiating an egregious act of idolatry that becomes a snare to those he had so reluctantly delivered. So what can we learn from the story of Gideon for our own spiritual journeys?

Monday: Judges 6:1-6

The Midianites were not interested in political control but rather economic exploitation, plundering the Israelites land of its crops. After seven years of terrible oppression, the Israelites cry out to God. Do you seek God more during difficult times or when things are going great? Why? How do you feel that affects your relationship with God?

Tuesday: Judges 6:12-13

When approached by the Angel of the Lord, Gideon questions how God can be with them if they are being oppressed by the Midianites. Have you ever felt like God has abandoned you during difficult times? Were you able to see things differently after you came out the other side of your difficult season?

Wednesday: Judges 6:14-16

Gideon does not feel equipped to do what God has asked him to do. But God sees something in Gideon that he does not see about himself. Have you ever felt like God was calling you to serve Him in a specific way but you didn't do it because you felt inadequate to do the job? How did that turn out?

Thursday: Judges 6:17-40

Gideon needed proof that it was God he was talking to and then he need to reconfirm his calling through his fleece request. Have you ever asked God for a sign before you made a decision? Do you think it's okay to ask God for a sign or does that show lack of faith?

Friday: Judges 7

God reduces the number of soldiers because he doesn't want the Israelites boasting about the victory. Have you ever accomplished something that was so impossible that you had no choice but to give God the glory?

MOVING FORWARD

Gideon serves as an example of how God continues to use unlikely leaders to serve His purposes and also cautions us that our greatest times of weakness often occur during our moments of greatest victory. What we learn from Gideon is that we need to rest in God's plan and trust him, we need to believe about us what God believes about us and we should be mindful of our success. This week, read Gideon's story and see where you see Gideon in you.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Midianites, B) trinity, C) suffering. IIA) proof, B) reconfirm, IIC) soldiers. IIIA) plan, B) God, C) success.