



## The Making of a Hero

Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." Judges 6:11-16 (NLT)

### God Sees In Us \_\_\_\_\_ Than We See

- He sees past our \_\_\_\_\_ and circumstances
- He sees the makings of a \_\_\_\_\_

And Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means "the LORD is peace"). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

That night the LORD said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. Then build an altar to the LORD your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole

you cut down." So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town. Judges 6:24-27 (NLT)

### God Calls Us To \_\_\_\_\_

- To make a \_\_\_\_\_
- To \_\_\_\_\_ other distractions

He divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a ram's horn and a clay jar with a torch in it. Then he said to them, "Keep your eyes on me. When I come to the edge of the camp, do just as I do. As soon as I and those with me blow the rams' horns, blow your horns, too, all around the entire camp, and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon!'" It was just after midnight, after the changing of the guard, when Gideon and the 100 men with him reached the edge of the Midianite camp. Suddenly, they blew the rams' horns and broke their clay jars. Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, the LORD caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords.. Judges 7:16-22a (NLT)

### God Sends Us To \_\_\_\_\_

- Where the odds are \_\_\_\_\_ us
- Where we must \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him

### My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Invite Jesus into my life so that I can become a hero of His making.
- Listen to God, so that I might discern what He sees in me.
- Be obedient to the task God calls me to, even when it means making sacrifices.
- Enter the battles I face depending fully upon the Lord.
- Meditate on and or memorize Judges 6:14
  - Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and \_\_\_\_\_. I am sending you!"