

## **GIDEON** **(Judges 6:11-12)**

**I Corinthians 10:11** Whenever we are trying to discover some truths from an O.T. story or experience we must remember that God did not have these things written just to fill pages of paper.

**Judges 6:14** The story of Gideon is an ongoing, never ending plight of Israel fighting against their enemies all around them. As far as Israel is concerned it started in Egypt and will end in Israel.

**Ephesians 6:12; II Timothy 2:3-4** This ongoing fighting and warring is a picture of a much greater battle for the souls of mankind that started in the garden of Eden and will end after the Kingdom Age.

### **A BOY TO A WARRIOR**

**Judges 6:12** This is humorous as we listen to God's angel call Gideon "a man of valor." Gideon is a young teenager constantly looking over his shoulder for enemies that are trying to steal the wheat that he is trying to hide. Can you just see Gideon looking around and asking "who are you talking to?"

**Luke 1:37; Jeremiah 32:17** God looks at us and sees the possibilities. We see only the outside and only what is obvious. God saw Gideon for what and who he would become with God's help.

**Judges 6:13** Gideon is saying to God, "if the Lord is with us why are we living in slavery to our enemies and if I am such a mighty man where's all the miracles that we have heard about?" We cry out to God the same way and ask, "where is the peace, the joy, the needs that the bible talks about?"

**Judges 6:1; Isaiah 59:1-3** The same problem has plagued the human race since creation. Our sin keeps God from sending His blessings to His people. We reap what we sow and then cry "why me?"

**Judges 6:15; I Samuel 9:21; Acts 4:13** The lesson is that God always comes to a nobody to accomplish great things. Look at Abraham, Moses, David, D.L. Moody, Kenneth Cates, etc. God is not looking for PHD's or generals to do His work. He always looks for nobodies so the glory goes to God!

### **A MAN OF FAITH**

**Judges 6:25-27** Notice that Gideon's faith was not perfect. He had some trepidation and fear. Gideon was not perfect but he did activate his faith and did something for God. If we wait around until our faith is perfect we never will do anything for God. (**Heb. 11:1, 6**) Faith is the starting point in service.

**Judges 6:36-40; 7:10-15** Notice the lesson that God gives us. Gideon was still unsure so he wants proof that he is doing the right thing. God is showing in this experience that He has patience with those that will yield themselves and allow God to work through their body for His honor and glory.

**Psalms 37:23-24; Prov. 24:16** When God picks out a man or woman to do something He knows first of all that real humility and self doubt is an asset to that person. When we know that we cannot do it, when we know that we have failed and will fail again God knows He has the right person for the job.

**I Thessalonians 5:24** Today God is still looking for bodies to be used by Himself to teach Sunday school, to help on a bus route, to become preachers or missionaries. He needs people that are willing!

**Judges 7:9-15** Along his journey toward becoming a warrior and a spiritual leader for Israel Gideon continued to question his own ability but God continued to show patience and encouragement to him.

### **A MAN OF WORSHIP**

**Judges 6:24** Gideon was smart enough to know that if he was to be victorious, he had to be right with God so he started right by worshiping God.

**I Peter 2:5** Faith in God should always lead to the worship of God. Worship always means sacrifice! It is sad to say that most believers today have never really worshiped with acceptable sacrifices.