

**The Many
MASKS
of Gideon**





Who is Gideon?

Gideon is very complicated person

He has huge highs and deep lows

He could be the poster child for an unstable soul

Coward Doubter Wishy-Washy

People Pleaser Indecisive

Lacking Conviction






It's not What God Saw!

The Calling of Gideon





Mighty Warrior




When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

Judges 6:12

a person engaged or experienced in warfare;

a person who shows or has shown great vigor, courage, or aggressiveness, as in politics or athletics.



Mighty Warrior

**Champion
Fighter
Hero
Soldier
Battler
Combatant
Trooper
Serviceperson**





Mighty Warrior

Confidence
Strength
Aggressiveness
Discipline
Being Active
Bravery




This is what God saw in Gideon?





What does God see in Me?




“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8






Mask of Deflection



“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”



Judges 6:13





Questions for God



Why has all this happened to us?

**Where are all the wonders that our
ancestors told us about?**

Where are you God?

*But now the Lord has abandoned us and given
us into the hand of Midian.*





Important to Know!





God did not Scold Gideon for his questions

God did not Answer Questions

God did not Ignore Gideon's Questions

If you read v. 16-23 you see God's patience in reassuring Gideon (**Homework**)





Use What You Have



The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

Judges 6:12

God did not tell Gideon go and train


God did not tell Gideon go and acquire

God did not even say go and pray






God Just Said Go!



Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”




Matthew 28:16-28





Mask of Inferiority



**“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon
replied, “but how can I save Israel?
My clan is the weakest in Manasseh,
and I am the least in my family.”**

Judges 6:15







Inferiority Complex



He sees himself as weak because of his heritage

He sees himself weak because of his status

How many times does our opinion of ourselves get in the way of God's calling on our life?



What God Uses!

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27







Inferiority Complex

We look at our church, its small

We look at ourselves we have issues

**God surely there is a better choice to
go and “save” the world**

**God never made a habit of picking
the cream of the crop instead he
decided to go a different route...**



What God Used!

He chose a shepherd to be a king (David)

He chose a spoiled dreamer to be a protector (Joseph)

He chose a murderer to be a deliverer (Moses)


He chose a fisherman to be a preacher (Peter)

He chose a persecutor to be an evangelist (Paul)






He Chose Us!



But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



1 Peter 2:9-10





Take off the Masks

Climb out of the hole!