





Who is Gideon?

Gideon is very complicated person

He has huge highs and deep lows

He could be the poster child for an unstable

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





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

"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







Wask 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



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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

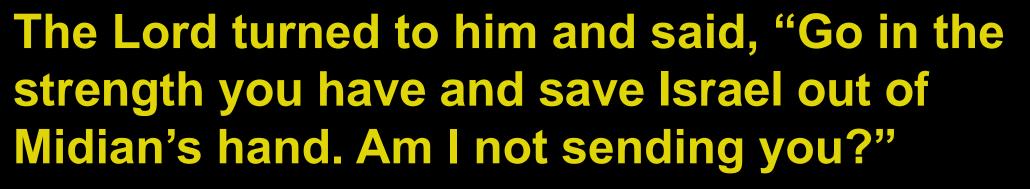
God did not Answer Questions

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

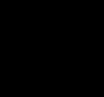


Judges 6:12

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



Wask 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 Gomplex

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







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...









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)







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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.

