

THE LIFE OF GIDEON

2. Gideon's Call



Introduction

We have seen the ravages of war in many countries. This was the kind of situation Israel was facing at the time of Gideon. However God had heard the cries of his people, as he always does, and he answered.

Scripture Reading: Judges 6:11-16

📖 What was Gideon doing at the time when the angel of the Lord spoke to him? V11

(He was threshing wheat in the winepress, hiding from the enemy.)

📖 Perhaps God has spoken to you in an unusual place, as he did with Gideon. Share briefly if you have had something like this happen in your life.

📖 How did the angel of the Lord greet Gideon? V12 Why did he find this so strange? V13, 15

(The angel greeted him by saying, "The Lord is with you Mighty Warrior!" Gideon found this strange as he did not feel like a mighty warrior. In fact he was hiding from the enemy, and not only that, he was from the smallest clan and he was the youngest in his family. Nor did he feel that the Lord was with him, or his people, as we see in v13.)

📖 If someone said to you, "You are a great man or woman of God," how would you react?

The way the Lord sees us is often very different from the way we see ourselves. Gideon did not see himself as a Mighty Warrior, but God saw his heart and the potential in his life. There are some people who see themselves as better than they really are, as we read in Romans 12:3. We need to be careful of this danger. However there are others, like Gideon, who constantly pull themselves down.

📖 Why was it wrong for Gideon to pull himself down? Why is it wrong for us to pull ourselves down?

(When we pull ourselves down we are belittling who God has created us to be, and are doubting what he can do in our lives.)

📖 God was answering the cries of his people by calling Gideon to meet the need. V14 Think of other examples in the Word of God of how he answered prayer by raising up a man or woman to do a job. Has there been a time in your life when you have prayed and God has answered by sending another person to help you? Share.

📖 God has a plan and purpose for our lives. What are the things you believe God has called you to do?

📖 What assurance did God give Gideon when he expressed his inadequacy? V12, 14, 16

Conclusion

Three times God assures Gideon of his presence. God is so good! Whenever God calls us to do something, he also gives us the assurance that he is with us.

Scripture Memory

Here is a verse for the group to memorize:-

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you",
So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me."

Hebrews 13:5b-6