

# THE LIFE OF GIDEON

## 5. Gideon's Assurance




### Introduction


Has there been a time when you thought God wanted you to do something, but you were afraid to do it? You wanted to be very sure it was God speaking to you! Gideon was in that situation. He knew God had called him, but now the enemies were surrounding him and he was afraid. He wanted to be very sure that it was God who had told him to go!


### Scripture Reading: Judges 6:33-40

 What situation faced Gideon and his people at this time?


 What happened that prompted Gideon to call his people to arms? What can we learn from this about spiritual warfare?


The enemy was camped in the Valley of Jezreel, which was between the tribes of Manasseh, where Gideon came from, and the tribes of Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali. No doubt this is why he called these people to help.

 Although the Spirit of the Lord had come upon Gideon to call the men to war, how did he still feel? Why? v36-37

 What sign did Gideon ask God for as an assurance that He would save Israel? v37-38

 Why do you think Gideon asked for a second sign in verses 39-40?

 Do you think it was right for Gideon to ask God for more assurance? Why or why not? Look at several others in the Word of God who asked God for assurance. Exodus 4:1-3, 2 Kings 20:8-11

 Share a time in your own experience when God confirmed His Word to you in a way that was significant to you.

### Conclusion

As we look at God's Word we can see that it is not necessarily wrong to ask God to assure us of what He wants us to do. In fact He promises again and again to guide us, as He knows we struggle with fear. However it is important that we come with hearts that are willing to obey what He tells us to do. If we face a situation like Gideon, and we are uncertain, we just need to ask God to direct our footsteps. And He will!