

Gideon
Judges 6:11-24
By Russ Earl

Thesis: I want to show the encouragement we can find from a man like Gideon.

Intro:

1. Gideon is a great character of the Old Testament.
2. He was not pleased with the wickedness around Him and God send him to battle his wicked oppressors.

I. Gideon is called

- A. Gideon's visitor (Judges 6:11-16)
 1. The oppression & despair (**v.11-13**)
 2. The angel of the Lord charges him to deliver the people (**v.14-15**)
 3. He is promised victory over the Midianites (**v.16**)
- B. Gideon is shown proof (**Judges 6:17-23**)
 1. Gideon provided an offering and it was consumed by the fire from the rock, proof the messenger was from God.

II. The Promise to Gideon

- A. Gideon personal battle (1st victory) (Judges 6:25-32)
 1. Gideon is charged with destroying the idol which his own father had created (**v.25-26**)
 2. Gideon obeys (**v.27-29**)
 3. Joash says that Baal should plead for himself if he is really a god (**v.30-32**).
- B. The victory of God w/300 soldiers (Judges 7)
 1. The army is so large in number that He shrinks it so there is no doubt who provided the victory (**Judges 7:2**). The number of the army is cut down to 300.
 - a. If you are scared, go home (**v.3**)
 - b. Those who brought the water to their mouth were allowed to stay (**v.4-7**).
 2. Gideon is encouraged (**v.13-15**)
 3. God provided victory using confusion. God is the greatest commander (**v.19-22**).

III. Lessons for us today

- A. Gideon was called, we too are called (by the gospel).
 1. We are called by God to obedience through the gospel (**2 Thess 2:14**)
 2. We are called to a higher plane of living by obedience to His commands (**Jn 10:10**).
- B. God tested Gideon, encouraged Gideon and put Him to work for Him.
 1. We too are tested today, by trials. We too are encouraged today by God (**Col 2:5-8**).
 - a. through His Word and the answers He gives through prayer
 2. We are test by trials, encouraged by the blessings from God (**Eph 1:3**), and then put to work for His cause (**Mt 13:8**).

Conc:

1. Let us learn from the example of Gideon. Let us not be afraid to face our personal battles (Judges 6:25-26)

2. We can learn from his example of taking on battles before others as well (Judges 7).
3. Let us learn from Gideon. Let us believe in God, trust in God and obey God, just like Gideon.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.