

SIGNIFICANCE

Unlikely Heroes – Part 1 of 4

3 Areas of Life That Determine Whether We're Going to Live a Significant Life:

1. Discover your **IDENTITY**

“Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, ‘Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!’” Judges 6:11b-12 (NLT)

- **LOOK** at your **CIRCUMSTANCES** - or - **LISTEN** to what God **SAYS** about you.

2. Decide your **ACTIVITY**

“‘Sir,’ Gideon replied, ‘if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn’t they say, ‘The LORD brought us up out of Egypt’? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites.’ Then the LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!’” Judges 6:13-14 (NLT)

- **WAIT** for strength you don’t have - or - **GO** in the strength you do have

3. Determine your **CAPACITY**

- **RELY** on your resources – or - **WATCH** God use your **WEAKNESSES**

“The LORD said to Gideon, ‘You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.’” Judges 7:2 (NLT)

God’s process for using our weaknesses to bring him glory:

1. God **REDUCES** our resources
2. God **MAGNIFYS** our need
3. Someone **TRUSTS** God with what little they have
4. God **USES** the little we have to show how great He is

Key Truth: My strength tends to **PULL ME AWAY** from God’s strength. But my weakness tends to **DRAW ME TOWARDS** God’s strength.

“‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. . . For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)

5. God **WORKS** through us to accomplish his will.

“‘But Lord,’ Gideon replied, ‘how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!’ The LORD said to him, ‘I will be with you.’” Judges 6:15-16a (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE: We want to **HIDE** in our weaknesses, but that’s where the **POTENTIAL** is.