

## Faith that Overcomes Overwhelming Odds

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*And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets.... Hebrews 11:32*

**Gideon's life shows us a faith that overcomes overwhelming odds.**

### Judges 6

*"Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. Vs. 11*

**1. God finds us where we're \_\_\_\_\_ out.**

*The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!'" Vs. 12*

**2. God sees our \_\_\_\_\_, while we focus on our \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>13</sup> "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."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

<sup>15</sup> "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." <sup>16</sup> The LORD answered, "I will be with you.

**3. Gideon \_\_\_\_\_ God. Vs.36-40**

<sup>36</sup> Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— <sup>37</sup> look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."

**Putting out a fleece shows \_\_\_\_\_ of faith in God.**

**4. When God wants to do something great, he \_\_\_\_\_ our resources. Judges 7**

*The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me. 7:2*

- **God uses our weaknesses to bring himself glory.**

**5. God's methods accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ purposes.**

*He divided the 300 men into three groups and gave each man a ram's horn and a clay jar with a torch in it. Judges 7:16*

*For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4*

**Will God give us more than we can handle?**

**God is always at work in us to build our faith to overcome overwhelming odds.**

**6. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"We can be in our day what the heroes of faith were in their day - but remember at the time they didn't know they were heroes." A.W. Tozer*