



“It’s A Small World After All”

1. READ

Scripture: Judges 6:15-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”

¹⁶ And the Lord said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”

¹⁷ Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. ¹⁸ Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.



Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Judges 6; Judges 15; 1 Samuel 17; Genesis 37-50; Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 13:6; Matthew 28:19

2. REFLECT

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This is week number two of our new series, “Make it Make Sense.” This series will help us focus on God and our faith during these trying and different times. Today’s sermon title is “It’s A Small World After All,” using Judges 6:15-18. Each week Pastor has been walking us through the story of Gideon and the people of Israel. Pastor begins his sermon today, telling us about a recent story where his father, The Rev. Dr. William Watley, and Pastor Watley were in Orlando, Florida, for our AME conference. Pastor points out that while the AME conference is a big deal for us in the Church in Orlando, it was just one of the many events happening that week. Pastor’s point here is that sometimes we can be so focused on our world that we forget how big the real world is and, more than that, how large our God is in this world. Pastor makes this statement “Don’t ever confuse your small world with the real world.”





Pastor also says, “The Pandemic was not an interruption of life. It was an introduction to life.” It didn’t break us up from life but instead really exposed us to real life. Pastor says that we have lived under the thought of American Exceptionalism for a year when the truth is we aren’t that much better than the rest of the world. Pastor shares several examples of this and quoted the term The Great Resignation, here is an article about it ([Click Here](#)). Pastor’s point is that we can’t think that we’re that much better than others, but it is truthfully a small world after all. When we realize how small the world is and how small we are, it puts things back into the proper perspective. This is what Pastor is getting us to understand with this scripture today. Gideon felt down and felt broken; however, the Angel of the Lord calls him out of that places so that Gideon can realize that even though things are difficult, God is more significant than any difficulty. Pastor shares these points of where Israel was:

1. *Israel has no ally nations who will come to assist the.,*
2. *they have no burgeoning military battalion who has been planning and preparing a counter attack.*
3. *They have no path of retreat to flee in search of a better way of life.*
4. *There only hope has been in God but they have nullified even that appeal by their idol worship of the false Gods of Baal and Asherah which is what triggered all of this to begin with.*

Again, Gideon was right to feel this way, but that is why the Lord sent the Angel, and Pastor wants us to remember that God has done it before through His word with these examples:

1. *Samson’s strength had nothing to do with the size of his muscles.... (Judges 15)*
2. *David’s victory wasn’t in his sling shot ... (I Samuel 17)*
3. *Joseph’s isn’t remembered because he was so smart... (Genesis 37)*

After all, it’s a small world, and our God is more significant than any problem or issue we can face. It’s our job and role to remember that and work toward it. Gideon did it through offering, sacrifice, and worship of God.





1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï What things in life have you made larger than they really are?
- ï What have you hidden from or run away from because you thought it was too large for you? (You're right it is too large for you but not for your God)

Discussion Questions

- ï In what ways do you think the people of Israel around Gideon were impacted by his decisions?

