

## **Planted *and* Underqualified**

(Planted *not* Buried – Week 6 by Pastor Mike Todd)

### **I. When You Are Planted, You Are Not Easily Moved.**

1. Stronger roots
2. Access to nourishment
3. An opportunity to grow

Being planted is a part of a process; you will bear fruit in the appointed season.

#### **Psalm 1:3 NLT**

They are like trees *planted* along the riverbank, bearing *fruit* each season. Their leaves *never wither*, and they *prosper in all they do*.

### **II. What Areas of Your Life Do You Feel Like You Are Under?**

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| • Under pressure  | • Under paid    |
| • Under valued    | • Under fire    |
| • Under attack    | • Under funded  |
| • Under qualified | • Not ready     |
| • Unprepared      | • Too messed up |
| • Ill-equipped    | • Insufficient  |
| • Underdeveloped  |                 |

#### **Judges 6:10-12 NLT**

<sup>10</sup> I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me." <sup>11</sup> Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

### **III. When You Are Planted and Underqualified:**

1. Hiding doesn't mean you are hidden.
  - God will find you! He will call you to conquer what you've been hiding from.
  - Your purpose has a tracking device.

### **Judges 6:13-14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> “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.” <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!”

2. God often ignores your questions to give His instructions.
  - Go with the strength you have.
    - “...for we walk by faith and not by sight.”
  - God will heal, change and transform us along the way.

### **Romans 8:31 NLT**

<sup>31</sup> What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

3. Don’t let comparison be your counsel.

### **Judges 6:15 NLT**

<sup>15</sup> “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!”

- God’s discipline proves His love.

### **Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.

- Keep your eyes on Jesus by giving, reading the word, serving and participating in small groups.

### **Judges 6:16 NLT**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord said to him, “I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.”

### **Judges 7:2 NLT**

<sup>2</sup> 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 7:7 NLT**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."

4. The set back is a set up.

### **Judges 7:20-22 NLT**

<sup>20</sup> Then all three groups blew their horns and broke their jars. They held the blazing torches in their left hands and the horns in their right hands, and they all shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" <sup>21</sup> Each man stood at his position around the camp and watched as all the Midianites rushed around in a panic, shouting as they ran to escape. <sup>22</sup> When the 300 Israelites blew their rams' horns, the Lord caused the warriors in the camp to fight against each other with their swords. Those who were not killed fled to places as far away as Beth-shittah near Zererah and to the border of Abel-meholah near Tabbath.

5. God gets the glory every time you tell your story.

### **Psalms 115 7:20-22 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness.