

MANO 

[**GIDEON : SESSION 3 : BELIEVE THE TRUTH**]

I AM A MAN.

**God has called me, gifted me,
empowered me, and positioned
me to lead myself, my family,
& my community.**

TODAY I CHOOSE TO . . .

- Cry Out**
- Destroy the Lie**
- Believe the Truth**
- Fight like Hell**
- Finish Strong**

BELIEVE THE TRUTH.

Judges

^{6:33} Soon afterward the armies of Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east formed an alliance against Israel and crossed the Jordan, camping in the valley of Jezreel.

³⁴ **Then the Spirit of the LORD took possession of Gideon.** He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him. ³⁵ He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, summoning their warriors, and all of them responded.

God is IN you.

TRUTH :: God is ready and willing to give you his PRESENCE and POWER.

^{6:36} Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, ³⁷ **prove it to me in this way.** I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised." ³⁸ And that is just what happened.

When Gideon got up early the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out a whole bowlful of water. ³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Please don't be angry with me, but let me make one more request. Let me use the fleece for one more test. This time let the fleece remain dry while the ground around it is wet with dew."

⁴⁰ So that night **God did as Gideon asked.** The fleece was dry in the morning, but the ground was covered with dew.

God is FOR you.

^{7:1} So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army **got up early and went** as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh.

TRUTH :: When you BELIEVE better - you BEHAVE better.

² 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.** ³ Therefore, tell the people, ‘Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain and go home.’”

So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. ⁴ But the LORD told Gideon, **“There are still too many!** Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not.” ⁵ When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, “Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream.” ⁶ Only **300** of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream.

⁷ The LORD told Gideon, **“With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home.”** ⁸ So Gideon collected the provisions and rams’ horns of the other warriors and sent them home. But he kept the **300** men with him.

God is AHEAD OF you.

TRUTH :: God doesn’t KNOW the future - He IS the future.

Questions and Actions.

Q :: What keeps you from experiencing God's power?

Q :: What would you do differently if you truly believed that God was IN you, FOR you, and AHEAD OF you?

Q :: How do you know God' Plan for your life?
[see below for a strategic plan that might help]

Prayer :: "MY GOD is the creator and sustainer of the universe and he has chosen to reveal his power and presence to ME. Nothing will trump his plan today - and I'm ready to receive it, believe it, and do it."

Action :: 5 questions to KNOW Gods Plan.

- What does **Gods Word** say about it? (command or principle)
- What does **Gods Spirit** say about it? (yes - no - wait)
- What do **Gods People** say about it? (seek wise counsel)
- What does **Gods Timing** say about it? (divine circumstances)
- What would **You Choose** if God let you choose? (desires)

Notes.