



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

God Doesn't Need You to Feel Ready

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Judges 6:1-12**

Israel suffered under Midian after turning from God. Gideon was protecting wheat in a winepress when the Lord called him. His fear did not prevent God from giving him a task.

- **Judges 6:13**

Gideon voiced his questions about Israel's suffering. We can bring honest questions to God while remaining willing to hear his answer.

- **Judges 6:15-16**

Gideon pointed to his weak clan and low position. God's answer centered on his presence and his specific promise to deliver Israel through Gideon.

- **Judges 7:1-8**

God reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300 so Israel could not credit its own strength for deliverance. The account challenges our pride and dependence on visible resources.

- **Judges 7:16-22**

Gideon's men used trumpets, jars, and torches, and the Lord turned the enemy against itself. This was God's deliverance of Israel; it encourages trust without promising that every personal struggle will end as we wish.

Discussion Questions

- Where do you recognize yourself in Gideon's effort to stay hidden, and what makes stepping forward difficult?
- How can you bring doubts to God honestly while staying open to what he asks of you?
- John asks whether he is pursuing God's will or his own. How do Scripture, prayer, and wise Christian counsel help you make that distinction?
- Which resources or abilities are you most tempted to treat as your source of security? How could you use them gratefully while depending on God?
- What would a faithful next step look like in a difficult situation, even if you cannot control the outcome?

Reflection Challenge

This week, name one responsibility you have delayed because you do not feel ready. Pray about it, test your next step against Scripture, and choose one practical act of obedience. Start with something clear: telling the truth, offering an apology, serving someone, or seeking needed help.

Ask yourself:

- Am I waiting for all fear to disappear before doing what I already know is right?
- What would help me distinguish a faithful step from an impulsive decision?
- Can I entrust the result to God while taking responsibility for my part?

Try this:

- Read the highlighted passages in context and write down what God promised Gideon specifically.
- Tell a trusted Christian about your next step and invite prayer and honest counsel.
- Take one manageable action this week, then thank God for the help and opportunities he provides.

Remember

- Feeling afraid does not make you beyond God's use.
- Honest questions can become part of a continuing walk with God.
- God's presence mattered more than Gideon's position or confidence.
- Use your resources faithfully without making them your ultimate security.
- Obedience begins with a faithful next step, not complete control of the outcome.
- Give God the credit, and keep depending on him as you grow.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You know where I feel weak and where fear keeps me hidden. Help me bring my questions to you honestly. Give me wisdom to recognize your will, humility to receive counsel, and courage to do what is right. By your Spirit, loosen my grip on control and teach me to depend on you. Help me take the next faithful step and leave the outcome in your hands.

In Jesus' name, Amen.