

*Gideon*  
*9.1.24*  
*Judges 6:11-40*  
*(A Mistaken Identity?)*

*I. A little about Gideon and the situation*

*A. Gideon's Call*

*The angel of the Lord came, and he sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash, the Abiezrite. His son Gideon was threshing wheat in the winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> Then the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "The Lord is with you, valiant warrior."  
*Of the Lord or the Lord**

*7: <sup>12</sup> Now the Midianites, Amalekites, and all the people of the east had settled down in the valley like a swarm of locusts, and their camels were as innumerable as the sand on the seashore.*

*B. Gideon's Concerns*

*<sup>15</sup> He said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's family."*

*<sup>17</sup> Then he said to him, "If I have found favor with you, give me a sign that you are speaking with me."*

*<sup>36</sup> Then Gideon said to God, "If you will deliver Israel by me, as you said, <sup>37</sup> I will put a wool fleece here on the threshing floor. If dew is only on the fleece, and all the ground is dry, I will know that you will deliver Israel by me, as you said."*

*<sup>39</sup> Gideon then said to God, "Don't be angry with me; let me speak one more time. Please allow me to make one more test with the fleece. Let it remain dry, and the dew be all over the ground."*

C. *Gideon's Commitment*

*Vs <sup>29</sup> They said to each other, "Who did this?" After they made a thorough investigation, they said, "Gideon son of Joash did it."*

*7: <sup>9</sup> That night the Lord said to him, "Get up and attack the camp, for I have handed it over to you."*

D. *Gideon's Charge (Attack the Midianites)*

*7: <sup>3</sup> Now announce to the troops, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand of the troops turned back, but ten thousand remained.*

*7: <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many troops. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. If I say to you, 'This one can go with you,' he can go. But if I say about anyone, 'This one cannot go with you,' he cannot go."*

*7: <sup>16</sup> Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies and gave each of the men a ram's horn in one hand and an empty pitcher with a torch inside it in the other hand.*

*7: <sup>21</sup> Each Israelite took his position around the camp, and the entire Midianite army began to run, and they cried out as they fled. <sup>22</sup> When Gideon's men blew their three hundred rams'*

*horns, the Lord caused the men in the whole army to turn on each other with their swords.*

*8:28<sup>28</sup> So Midian was subdued before the Israelites, and they were no longer a threat. The land had peace for forty years during the days of Gideon.*

*II. Application:*

*A. Sometimes when God is asking us to do something.....it will be scary.*

*Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

*B. Remember God is always greater than our excuses and failures*

*6:15 He said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's family."*

*C. Sometimes we need clarification or reassurance on a spiritual choice.  
(BUT BE CAREFUL)*

*Providence*

***Proverbs 16:9 A person's heart plans his way,  
but the Lord determines his steps.***

*Biblical principles*

*Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,<sup>[a]</sup> singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

*Chrisitan community*

*pro 11:14 Without guidance, a people will fall,  
but with many counselors there is deliverance.*

*D. We should never underestimate the power of a few committed believers*

**\*\*We need life cheerleaders**

**Hebrews 10:** And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

**\*\*We need life instruction/direction**

**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,<sup>[a]</sup> singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

**\*\*We need accountability**

**Galatians 6:1** Brothers and sisters, if someone is overtaken in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual, restore such a person with a gentle spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> watching out for yourselves so that you also won't be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

*E. Obeying God in the small stuff strengthens us for the "big" stuff.*

*F. We must never let our guard down.*

*8:27 <sup>27</sup> Gideon made an ephod from all this and put it in Ophrah, his hometown. Then all Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his household.*

*John 16:33 I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.*

*Close...*

*"I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
I don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done (thank you God)  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won"  
Bryan Fowler / Shane Barnard*