

Study Notes – *Fear Will Have You Hiding From the Very Thing You’re Called to Conquer*

Scripture Focus

Judges 6:11–12 (KJV)

“And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak... and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.”

Key Points

1. Fear Creates a False Safety

- Gideon was hiding wheat in a wine press—a place never meant for it.
- Fear makes us think hiding is safe, but it actually keeps us in bondage.

2. Fear Causes Us to Misuse What God Designed

- The wine press was made for grapes (abundance), not wheat (survival).
- Fear will have us shrinking abundance down to survival.

3. Fear Will Have You Hiding From the Very Thing You’re Called to Conquer

- Gideon was hiding from Midian instead of confronting them in God’s strength.
- Avoidance doesn’t cancel your calling—it just delays victory.

4. God Speaks to Who You Really Are

- Gideon felt weak, but God called him “*mighty*.”

- God sees the conqueror in you, even when fear has you caved in.

Modern Illustrations

- **Closet Cooking:** Trying to cook in a closet instead of a kitchen = fear misusing purpose.
- **Gym Parking Lot:** Paying for a membership but only walking outside = fear keeping you from tools that transform.
- **iPhone Basics:** Using a powerful phone just for calls = living beneath your design.

Reflection Questions

1. What “wine press” are you hiding in right now — what place of false safety are you clinging to?
2. Where has fear caused you to shrink back instead of stepping forward in faith?
3. What enemy have you been avoiding that God is actually calling you to confront?
4. How do you hear God speaking “mighty” over you, even in your weakest places?

Application Steps This Week

- **Identify** one area where fear has you misusing your gift, time, or resources.
- **Pray** daily: “Lord, call the warrior out of me.”
- **Take one bold step**—confront the conversation, write the vision, launch the idea, or pray for the person you’ve been avoiding.

Declaration

“I will no longer hide in fear. I will confront the very thing God has called me to conquer.”