



How to Live Out Your Inner Warrior? Judges 6-7

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Sticky Statement: God-is NOT interested in how you see you— He's interested in YOU KNOWING how He sees you!

"The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezarite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Judges 6:11-12

"Mighty warrior" = "stout of heart" = a strong inner strength of the heart, a warriors heart.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS YOU FIND YOUR INNER WARRIOR:

1. WARRIORS CONFRONT & _____ THEIR INNER FEAR OF FAILURE. (JUDGES 6:13-15)

¹³ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian..." ¹⁵ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.

We often get stuck when we allow our fears about our circumstances stand between US and GOD; instead of allowing our faith in GOD to stand in between US and our circumstances.

Faith is the process of unlearning fear!

2. WARRIORS TRUST & _____ ON GOD FOR EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO WIN. (JUDGES 6:14,16, 7:2-7)

YOU + GOD = ENOUGH.

He will be the difference maker in whatever circumstance or situation you face!

When GOD calls you to GO ALL IN for Him ... it's never going to be about "who I'm not" ... it's only going to be about WHO He wants to be FOR YOU.

"The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me." ^{v2} ³ Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave ... So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained. ⁴ But the Lord said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink." ⁶ Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink. ⁷ The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." **V3-7**

There comes a time where you're going to have to move against your fear and yourself.

3. WARRIORS STEP UP, EVEN WHEN THEY EXPERIENCE A _____ (JUDGES 7:9-20)

⁹ During that night the Lord said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands..." ¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands." ¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside. ¹⁷ "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do." ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, '

For the Lord and for Gideon." ²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars ... they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" ²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled." **v9-21**

Many times, the way forward in our lives with God is going to feel like and look like a step backwards.

DO THE WORD: Judges 6:12

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

What fear are you allowing to hold you back from what God is calling you to do? Do you see yourself the way God sees you? Why not?

What "shoes" is God calling you to walk in this morning?

What setback/circumstance in life is God calling you to use to trust him and step up?