

ENOUGH

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I. INTRODUCTION

Judges 6:11 The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

Judges 6:2-6 Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.

Judges 6:12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

II. TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE YOU AREN'T WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE

1. GOD IS ENOUGH

A. *Change Your Perspective from Fear to Faith*

- 1) We hide because of fear.
- 2) Fear causes us to accept substitutes that do not satisfy.

2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

- 3) Faith gives us freedom to not have to hide anymore.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

B. *Change Your Perspective from Doubt to Trust*

Judges 6:13 “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.”

Judges 6:14 The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?”

- 1) Trust does not stop asking questions. But trust does not stop because of the questions.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

- Do not let your doubts rob you of your trust.
- 2) Trust moves us past our doubts to action.
 - Start with the strength you have, and God will bring the strength you need.
 - 3) Trust moves us to embrace our roles and responsibilities.

2. YOU ARE ENOUGH BECAUSE GOD IS ENOUGH.

Judges 6:15 “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.”

A. Change Your Perspective from Weakness to Strength

- 1) Strength from God is available to you.

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,

- Take Responsibility.
 - Embrace Your Role.
 - Break Cycles.
 - Change Hearts.
- 2) Don't Wait When God Has Called You to Work.
 - 3) Be the Answer to the Questions The World is Asking.

Judges 6:16 The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

B. Change Your Perspective from Defeat to Victory

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1) Victory is found in life with God.

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- 2) Be who God says you are.