

Unlikely Heroes: "From Zero to Hero"

Judges 6-8

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I. God uses Tough times to get our ATTENTION (Judges 6:1-6)

Verse 1 says that the Israelites did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD handed them over to Midian for seven years.

Verse 6 tells us that Israel became poverty-stricken because of Midian, and the Israelites cried out to the LORD.

C.S. Lewis has said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it's His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

Proverbs 3:11-12: Do not despise the LORD's instruction, my son, and do not loathe His discipline; 12 for the LORD disciplines the one He loves, just as a father, the son he delights in.

II. God SEES more than we do (6:7-12)

v. 12: Then the Angel of the LORD appeared to him and said: "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

III. God confirms His priorities with His PRESENCE (6:13-24)

"Please Sir, if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened? And where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about?" (v. 13)

V.16 "Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the power of Midian. Am Have I not sent you?" " I will be with you," the LORD said to him. "You will strike Midian down [as if it were] one man."

v. 22 tells us that the pieces fell into place for Gideon. He cries out, "Oh no, Lord GOD! I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face!"

IV. PRIVATE faithfulness is a prerequisite to PUBLIC usefulness (6:25-32)

V. God is PATIENT with our faith process (6:33-40)

VI. Success is determined by God's POWER, not ours (7:1-8)

APPLICATION

- God uses tough times to get our attention.

Is He getting your attention today?

- God always sees more than we do.

Do you see yourself as He does?

- God confirms His priorities with His presence.

Can you sense His presence with you now, urging you to trust Him?

- God is patient with our faith process.

He meets you right where you are with what you need.

- Private faithfulness is a prerequisite to public usefulness.

What small things is God asking for you to be faithful in?

- Success is determined by God's Power, not ours.

Will you trust Him today with your life, with your children, your finances, your decisions, your husband or wife?