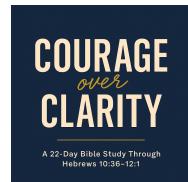


DAY 14 — Gideon: Courage When You Feel Unqualified

Aim of Today's Study



To understand how courageous faith often begins in weakness, fear, and questions—and how God forms courage through obedience, not confidence. Gideon's story teaches us that courage over clarity means trusting God's presence and promises even when we feel unqualified or afraid.

Anchor Passage

Hebrews 11:32

Gideon is named among the heroes of faith—not because he began courageous, but because he obeyed God and trusted Him step by step.

Study Passages

- **Judges 6–8** — Gideon's calling, doubts, obedience, and victory
- **Judges 6:11–16** — God meets Gideon in fear and speaks identity
- **Judges 7:2–7, 10–15** — God reduces the army and strengthens Gideon's faith
- **2 Corinthians 12:9** — God's power made perfect in weakness

Summary for the Day

Gideon's story reminds us that courageous faith does not begin with boldness or certainty. It often begins with fear, hesitation, and honest questions. Gideon was hiding when God called him, doubting when God spoke, and afraid when God sent him—yet God patiently formed his courage through obedience.

Rather than giving Gideon clarity, God gave him His presence. Rather than building Gideon's confidence, God removed false sources of security. Gideon learned that courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to trust God and move forward despite it.

Courage over clarity means obeying God when you feel unqualified, trusting Him when your resources feel small, and stepping forward even when fear is still present. God delights in using weakness so that His strength is unmistakable.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you currently feel fearful, hesitant, or unqualified to live for God?
2. What questions or doubts are you holding back instead of bringing honestly before God?
3. Are there areas where you rely on numbers, resources, or control instead of trusting God's presence?
4. How does Gideon's obedience while still being afraid at times reshape your understanding of courage?
5. What is one small step of obedience God may be inviting you to take today, even without full clarity?

Prayer

God, help me trust You when I feel weak, unsure, or afraid. Teach me that courage grows through obedience, not certainty. Give me the faith to take the next step, trusting that You are with me—even when clarity is still forming. Amen.