



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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**INTRODUCTION: GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY
WAYS FOR HIS GLORY.**

1. THE STORY OF GIDEON AND GOD'S CALL ON HIS LIFE

*"The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven
years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.*

*Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites,
Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country.*

*Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they
cried out to the Lord for help.*

*When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon,
he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'*

*'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.'
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?'*

*'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.'"*
JUDGES 6:1-16 | NIV

2. GIDEON'S RESPONSE TO GOD ...

WHO AM I? MY FAMILY IS THE WEAKEST ...

AND I AM THE LEAST .

GIDEON IS FILLED WITH INADEQUACY AND SELF
DOUBT .

• FEELINGS OF UNWORTHINESS .

- FEELINGS OF NOT BEING CAPABLE, NOT EQUIPPED OR PREPARED TO SERVE.

3. GOD'S RESPONSE TO GIDEON ... "AM I NOT SENDING YOU?"

- GOD WILL EQUIP YOU FOR WHATEVER ASSIGNMENT HE HAS FOR YOU.
- GOD IS FAITHFUL AND HE IS LOOKING FOR OBEDIENCE.

4. MY STORY

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
JEREMIAH 29:11 | NIV

GOD HAS A PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.

5. CALEB'S STORY

HIS LIFE WAS MARKED BY WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT.

5 TIMES THE BIBLE MENTIONS THAT CALEB
"FOLLOWED THE LORD, WHOLEHEARTEDLY"
NUMBERS 14:24; NUMBERS 32:12; JOSHUA 14:8, 9, 14

"WHOLEHEARTEDLY" MEANS: WITHOUT HOLDING
ANYTHING BACK.

COMPLETELY IN GOD'S HANDS.

100% IN.

6. RECAP

1. KNOW THAT GOD HAS AN INCREDIBLE PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

2. KNOW THAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO HIMSELF.

3. KNOW THAT GOD HAS EQUIPPED YOU TO SERVE.

4. KNOW THAT GOD WILL FULFILL THE MINISTRY
HE HAS CALLED YOU TO.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Gideon was in a very vulnerable place with the Lord and did not feel he was "enough" or had the strength to accomplish what God was calling him to do. **Have you ever been in a situation where what God was asking of you felt impossible to do? Were you obedient to the calling even though you were afraid?**
3. As a group, read Jeremiah 29:11. **Do you struggle to believe God really has a plan and a purpose for you? Do you feel you are living God's plan and purpose right now?**
4. Give examples of what a wholehearted commitment and faith mean to you.
5. How can we be praying for you this week?