

Mighty Warrior Series

Part 2

Faith is a Good Investment

“And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.”

Judges 6:16-18

- Gideon knew of God but did not know God.
 - There is a big difference in these
 - Knowing about God is simply having head knowledge
 - I heard He is the Creator
 - I heard He saves from bondage
 - I heard He parted waters
 - I heard He wiped out nations
 - I heard He chose me
 - I heard He cares for me
 - I haven't seen any of these things myself
 - Knowing God is taking the knowledge you have about Him and walking in it
 - He is my Creator
 - He delivers me daily
 - He protects me daily
 - He defeats the enemy daily
 - He love me
 - He chooses to use me
 - I am who I am because of the I AM

- God was now asking Gideon to trust Him to...
 - give him the things needed in order to be what God wanted him to be.
 - God called Gideon a “mighty man of valor”
 - God saw in Gideon what He could make him to be
 - This Would take Faith from Gideon
 - Faith to be what God saw instead of who he was
 - Faith that if God said it, it is so
 - It takes faith for us to see what God Sees in us
 - **Romans 1:17** “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”
 - **Hebrews 11:1** “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
 - Faith to trust God to be something you have never been.
 - Gideon was being shown what God could do through him
 - God said, “I’m going to use you to defeat our enemies, and let you look good doing it!”
 - This is going to require Gideon to trust God’s Word
 - It takes faith to take that step into the unknown world of faith.
 - God knows we are weak
 - God knows faith is unnatural for us
 - God gives us His Word and asks us to TRUST HIM
 - **Jeremiah 33:3** “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”
- Knowing how big the enemy was Gideon needed his faith exercised in order to use it

- so he ask the Lord to wait while Gideon got a sacrifice.
 - What an odd thing.
 - To receive a strengthening of faith, Gideon was going to give a sacrifice.
 - This sacrifice took time, materials, and effort on Gideon's behalf.
 - Then Gideon brought the sacrifice, and the angel instructed him to put it all on the Rock...come on man!
 - The sacrifice was burned up for God's Glory, but Gideon was strengthened!!!
- What if when we doubt God's will, desire, or direction...
 - we just gave up some time, materials, and effort?
 - Give them to our Rock and let Him use them up for God's Glory?
 - What would that do in our lives?
 - Maybe we wouldn't worry so much about what the enemy is taking since it belongs to God
 - Maybe we would decide to invest in what God is doing we would see the dividends in His Glory
 - Now & Forever
 - Maybe others would see that our investments into our faith are reaping God sized dividends
 - What would that do for our faith?
 - Maybe all doubt of who we are in Christ would vanish
 - Maybe all enemy advances would be something to be excited about instead of afraid of
 - Maybe we would become the Mighty Warriors He sees
 - Maybe