

Mighty Warrior Series Part 5

A Study of the Life of Gideon

Here We Come!

Trumpeting God's Praises

"But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them."

Judges 6:34-35

- Gideon met the angel.
- Gideon questioned God's existence.
- Gideon had to give to receive.
- God's Word & God's Messenger gave Gideon Faith!
- God asked Gideon to choose his god/God.
- The enemy set up camp...
 - **Judges 6:33** "Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel."
- No efforts on our part will ever go unnoticed by the enemy.
 - When the enemies of God feel threatened by our obedience what do we do?
 - What did Gideon do?
 - He trumpeted the praises of God!!!
 - He let it be known to all he could that God was ready to redeem!
 - He said, "Here We Come!" by trumpeting the praises of God
- Where did this confidence come from?
 - God gave His Word
 - Gideon gave of himself
 - God gave a commandment that required faith

- Gideon's vision showed him that if he did what God commanded, he would die
 - Gideon's reality was that he was safe in God's plan
 - When we hear God's Word what do we do?
 - Gideon invested himself
 - Do we?
 - When we invest and God commands, what do we do?
 - Gideon obeyed in faith
 - Do we?
 - It was these steps of faith that strengthened Gideon's faith
 - **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'."
 - **Righteousness is being in "right standing with God"**
 - **Gideon's right standing with God gave him confidence!**
 - So, Gideon praised God
- Now there is a difference between praising God and letting our life praise God...
 - One is good
 - The other is God!
 - We can praise God all the time and it is good to do,
 - However, if our life isn't lived in worship of God, that is to say...
 - We take God at His Word and have faith
 - Then we invest in it
 - Let God's Word and God's Spirit strengthen that faith
 - Obey God in all that He speaks and shows

My favorite passage that shows Gideon's steps to this point is...

- **Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

So, here is how this works for us!

- First, Trust in the Lord with all your heart

- This means that if God says it, that settles it
- This is a personal trust for your life
- This is not “well pastor said”
- No, you need to know that God is saying to YOU
- It will give you more faith than anything that is said from this pulpit or any other platform you may be listening to
- If you can’t trust God you will never know His victory in your life
- Second, Lean not to your understanding
 - My understanding God’s plan is not a requirement for my obedience to God’s plan
 - God is not afraid of us asking “why God”
 - God just cannot give victory if we stand in our “why”
 - Victory comes in our obedience to His Word & Spirit
- In everything in life have gratitude to God
 - Acknowledging God is about our knowing that...
 - **Romans 8:28** “all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.”
 - Giving God thanks for Who He is, What He has done, What He is doing, What He will do
 - It’s easy to thank Him for the good stuff that we like
 - But we have to learn to thank Him for the difficult times too
 - These are the times of real growth and strengthening
 - Imagine how hard it was for Gideon to go against his own family and friends to obey God...
- Then when the enemy comes, you won’t have to wonder what to do
 - It is when our life is lived in obedience to God that our praise is inhabited by Him!
 - This is when others who need what God has done in your life will hear and respond!
 - 32,000 Israelites responded to Gideon’s Trumpeting of God’s Praise

- There are people in my life and in your lives that are longing for freedom from the bondage that they may not even be aware of
 - It may be that your walk with Christ which makes you trumpet His praises that will draw them out of hiding and step into the victory He has for them!
- **Child of God, it's time to take some steps to claim the Victory God has for You**