

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 080215
SERIES: STAND IN THE GAP
WEEK 4: Be Responsive - GIDEON

Judges 6:6 (ESV)

6 And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.

Judges 6:11-15 (ESV)

*11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." 13 And Gideon said to him, "Please, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." 14 And the LORD turned to him and said, "**Go in this might of yours** and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send **you**?" 15 And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."*

1. GOD LOVES TO USE UN-IMPRESSIVE PEOPLE!

God's not looking for us to be **IMPRESSIVE**, just **RESPONSIVE** to His call!

Judges 6:25-27 (ESV)

25 That night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it 26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." 27 So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

2. GOD WANTS TO REPURPOSE WHAT YOU HAVE TO HONOR HIM

Judges 7:2-4 (ESV)

2 The LORD said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.'" Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. 4 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many.

Judges 7:20-23 (ESV)

20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" 21 Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled.

3. GOD WANTS TO BE IMPRESSIVE AND VICTORIOUS THROUGH YOU