

# STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 4.0 *Gideon, a Valiant Warrior?!?* Judges 6-8

Mighty Men aren't born, they're DEVELOPED

God's ANNOUNCEMENT to Gideon 6:12

God is with Gideon PERSONALLY

God sees Gideon for what he will GROW INTO

Gideon's issues to OVERCOME

Gideon has a DEFEATED view of life vs. 12-16

A defeated view of his PEOPLE vs. 12-13

A defeated view of his POTENTIAL vs. 14-15

A defeated view of God's MESSAGE vs. 12, 14, 16

Gideon has a DOUBTFUL view of God's plan vs. 17-24, 36-40

Gideon's FIRST request for confirmation vs. 17-24

Gideon's SECOND request for confirmation vs. 36-40

Gideon has a DOUBLE PORTION of fear vs. 27, 7:10

Gideon was afraid of his FATHER

Gideon was afraid of the MIDIAN ARMY 6:10, 7:10

Two significant HURDLES to being a Mighty Man (or Woman)

You're not AVAILABLE because you're not agreeable!

You're not ABLE because you're not changeable!

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## Life Group Questions – Oct. 20, 2019

**Judges 6:6;** 'So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.'

### QUICK REVIEW

1. Last Sunday, Tierce described seven ways that sin causes damage. Read Psalm 51 and review the seven reasons sin wreaks destruction in our lives. Is there any one of these detriments that is more damaging than others? Explain.
2. What are the steps to restoration after succumbing to sin? Describe and discuss the three kinds of proper confession that Tierce shared with us.

### MY STORY

1. There are a couple of contradicting views about maturing leadership. One says: "He/she is a natural born leader." Another view says: "Good leaders are developed." What has been your experience with how leaders grow?
2. Describe a time when you were asked or encouraged to lead in some way and you declined. What was your reasoning? What opportunities/blessings do you think you missed as a result?
3. In what ways do you have a defeated view of life or a defeated view of your potential? How will you overcome this attitude?

### GOING DEEP (read Judges 6)

1. In the first five verses of Judges 6, we find that Midian has been oppressing Israel. Israel perceived that Midian was their problem. But the real cause of the persecution was Israel's apostasy. How can we say that the oppression was actually an expression of God's grace and mercy towards Israel? How do these truths apply in our lives?
2. When we're not available to the Holy Spirit, we are not agreeable with Him because we doubt His plan. How can we gain the assurance that God is always personally with us, that we can be completely confident in His might (and not ours)?
3. How are you doing as a leader with Kingdom objectives in mind? How do you think God sees you in terms of who you are going to become? What can you do to bridge the gap? What attributes make you able in God's view, that He would consider you a valiant warrior?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?