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Now: God is with Gideon and ISRAEL

Before: God saw Gideon for what he will GROW INTO

Now: Gideon has GROWN INTO what God created him to be

Gideon's issues have been OVERCOME

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Now: Gideon has a VICTORIOUS view of life 6:34-35

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Now: Gideon has a CONFIDENT view of God's plan 7:2-8

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Now: Gideon has a DOUBLE PORTION of courage 8:4-20

Two significant CHOICES for being a Mighty Man (or Woman)

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Before: Gideon was not ABLE because he was not changeable!

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QUICK REVIEW

1. Gideon did not have a first-class view of himself, any easy trap for us to fall into as well. But God deemed him a “valiant warrior.” The truth is, we all have identities in Christ. Discuss some of the scriptures that distinguish us in God’s eyes. Use the green sheet handout from church service as a guide.

2. What areas of your life do you deal with in a defeated outlook? In what circumstances are you doubtful of God’s plan for you? What are some of your everyday fears to overcome?

MY STORY

1. Were you ever in a situation (or one that you observed) that seemed hopeless to you but God claimed a miraculous victory? Was your faith impacted? How are you different today as a result?

2. Acting boldly without divine guidance can spell disaster. What areas of your Christian journey are you confidently living out in obedience to God? What do you do by bold faith that the world would say is irresponsible or reckless?

3. God instructed Gideon to reduce the troops so that everyone would know the victory belonged to the Lord, not Gideon. Are you willing to do great things and not get credit for it?

GOING DEEP (read Judges 7 and 8)

1. In His sovereignty, God allows adversity. We should be joyful in trials because it is the training ground that hones our faith. (see James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:7) However, many Christians look to their faith as a means to overcome adversity. Why is this an error? How do difficult circumstances teach and equip us for something greater?

2. Discuss how our complete obedience to God’s call in our lives can impact other believers. How can a life lived for God show the world their own need for a rescuer, a Savior?

3. You are a Mighty Man or Woman of God. How does being agreeable to the Holy Spirit make you available to Him? How does being changeable make you more able?

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?

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