



Facing The Giant of Fear

Facing Your Giants - Part 2 of 5

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Big Idea: When we take our fears to the Lord, He bolsters our courage and transforms our fear into faith.

Text: Judges 6-7

I. WHY WAS GIDEON AFRAID?

A. The _____.

Judges 6:11 "The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites."

Judges 6:12 "When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'"

Judges 6:13 "'But sir,' Gideon replied, 'if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.'"

B. His own _____.

Judges 6:14-15 "The Lord turned to him and said, 'Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?' 'But Lord,' Gideon asked, 'how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.'"

Judges 6:16 "The Lord answered, 'I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.'"

II. WHAT LESSONS HELPED GIDEON TO CONQUER HIS FEAR?

A. Facing fear is always easier when _____.

Judges 6:25-26 "That same night the Lord said to him, 'Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering.'"

B. God can do _____.

Judges 7:17-18 " 'Watch me,' he told them. 'Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.' "

MEMORY VERSE

*"When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said,
'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'"*

Judges 6:12