

GOD WILL USE ORDINARY PEOPLE!
My Life. I'm in Control - Part 5
Judges 6:11-7:25 (NIV)
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"The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak tree in Ophrah that belonged to Joash...his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites."
Judges 6:11 (NIV)

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

Gideon's life is a classic example of how God prepares us to take control of our lives!

I. GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT: God will encourage me. (6:11-16)

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

"The Lord turned to him and said, 'Go in the strength that you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?'" Judges 6:14 (NIV)

"But Lord," Gideon asked. 'How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manesseh and I'm the least in my family.'" Judges 6:15 (NIV)

"The LORD said to him, 'I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.'" Judges 6:16 (NLT)

II. GIDEON'S TEST: God will test me. (6:25-32)

"That same night the Lord said to him, 'Take the second bull from your father's herd, one of seven years old and tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah. Then build the proper kind of altar to the Lord, your God, on the top of this bluff and using the wood of the Asherah, that you cut down, offer the second bull as an offering.' So Gideon took ten of his servants and he did as the Lord told him." Judges 6:25-27 (NIV)

2 Ways God May Test You:

- Spiritually (vs. 25-26) = "Tear Down the Altar of Baal."
- Physically (vs. 28-31) = "Your Son Must Die Because He Destroyed the Altar of Baal."

III. GIDEON'S CHANGE: God will change me. (vs. 34)

“Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon...” Judges 6:34a (NIV)

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.” Luke 4:1a (NIV)

“When the devil had finished all his tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.” Luke 4:13-14a (NIV)

Gideon was changed from an ordinary person to an extraordinary person: Judges 6:11-7:25

*Don't limit what God wants to do in your life!!!