

Judges 6:11-16 / NKJV

¹¹ Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order 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, you mighty man of valor!"

¹³ Gideon said to Him, "O [a] my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

¹⁴ Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

¹⁵ So he said to Him, "O [b] my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house."

¹⁶ And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall [c] defeat the Midianites as one man."

Judges 6:17-24 / NKJV


¹⁷ Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. ¹⁸ Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You."

And He said, "I will wait until you come back."

¹⁹ So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them*. ²⁰ The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.

²¹ Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

²² Now Gideon perceived that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."

²³ Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die." ²⁴ So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it  The-LORD-/s-Peace. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Judges 6:36-40 / NKJV

³⁶ So Gideon said to God, "If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said—

³⁷ look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and *it is* dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said."

³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew."

⁴⁰ And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.



Judges 6:11-18 &
36-39

God has called you
Mighty!

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Gideon

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Two different
conversations

Who
is
qualified
to drive
this car?



Who is
qualified to
drive your
self
perception?



**Do not let an experience
become a definition of who
you are!**

God's word says...

When insecurity tries to strike

You are created in my own image ([Genesis 1:27](#))

You are fearfully and wonderfully made ([Psalm 139:14](#)).

You are the apple of God's eye (Psalm 17:8 & Zechariah 2:8)

You are the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath. ([Deuteronomy 28:13](#))

I can do all things through ^[a]Christ who strengthens me.
([Philippians 4:13](#))

You are more than a conqueror through Him who loved us.
([Romans 8:37](#))

God's word says...

When fear and anxiety creeps in

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind ([2 Timothy 1:7](#))

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ([Psalm 23:4](#))

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

([Matthew 6:34](#))

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? ([Psalm 27:1](#))

God's word says

When your past tries to limit you

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

(Romans 8:28 & 30)

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;

Before you were born I sanctified^[a] you;

I ^[b]ordained you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

**God
Doesn't
Call the
Qualified**

**He
Qualifies
the Called**

The unqualified

- Noah – Got Drunk
- Abraham – Too old
- Jacob - Liar
- Moses – Stuttered
- Rahab – A prostitute
- David – Womaniser and murder
- Jonah – Ran from God
- Peter – Denied Christ
- Paul – Murdered Christians

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!