

HOW GOD TURNS NOBODIES INTO SOMEBODIES

What God Can Do Through You - Part 5

Judges 6:11 "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 6:12 "When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you mighty warrior.'"

HOW GOD CHANGES PEOPLE

1. STEP ONE: _____

Judges 6:13 "'But sir,' Gideon replied, 'if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all the wonders that the fathers told about us 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 the Midians.'"

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

Judges 6:14,16 "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?' ... The Lord answered, 'I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.'"

Romans 8:31b "If God be for us, who can be against us."

2. STEP TWO: _____

Judges 6:17-18 "Gideon replied, 'If I've now found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it's really you talking to me. Please don't go away until I come back and bring an offering and set it before you.' And the Lord said, 'I'll wait for you to return.'"

Judges 6:21-24 "With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the Lord touched the meat and unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. When Gideon realizes that it was the angel of the Lord he exclaimed, 'Ah, sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!' But God said to him, 'Peace! Don't be afraid. You're not going to die.' So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites."

3. STEP THREE: _____

Judges 6:25-27a "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 an offering.' So Gideon took ten of his servants and he did as the Lord told him."

- **God may test you**
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Exodus 20:3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

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Judges 6:28-30 "In the morning when the men of the town got up, there was Baal's altar, demolished, and the Asherah beside it cut down and the second bull sacrificed on the newly built altar! They asked each other, 'Who did this?' When they carefully investigate, they were told, 'Gideon, son of Joash did it.' The men of the town demanded of Joash, 'Bring out your son. He must die, because he has broken down Baal's altar and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.'"

Judges 6:31 "But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, 'Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you going to try to save him?... If Baal is really a god he can defend himself...'"

4. STEP FOUR: _____

Judges 6:34a "Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon."

Luke 4:1-2a Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert. Where for forty days he was tempted by the devil."

Luke 4:13-14a "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."