



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

God Calls Us to Carry Out His Mission February 3-5, 2024

Judges 6:7-16

⁷ When the Israelites cried out to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁹ I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰ I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

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. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

¹³ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." ¹⁴ 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?"

¹⁵ "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

¹⁶ The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

1. Share with your group an example of a difficult assignment you were expected to accomplish.
2. Put yourself in Gideon's political/economic situation. What emotions might you be feeling?
3. What evidence is there to support the idea that the Angel of the LORD is not a creature, but rather, God himself?
4. What seemingly overwhelming assignment did the LORD give to Gideon?
5. What parallels do you see between this account and Exodus 3:1-12?
6. What parallels do you see between this account and Matthew 28:19-20?
7. To bolster Gideon's faith, what four signs did God give him? (cf. Judges 6:21-22, 36-40; 7:9-15)
8. Agree/disagree: We should look for signs from God today.
9. How did God make sure that He, not Gideon, would get credit for "mission accomplished"?
10. In your life, when is it especially comforting/empowering to know that "God is with you"?