



November 12, 2023
Heroes of the Faith
Gideon

Judges 6

11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress 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, O mighty man of valor.” 13 And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” 14 And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” 15 And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.” 16 And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”

Romans 8

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

More Than Conquerors

1) The Lord Sees Our Potential

1 Samuel 16

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

Jeremiah 1 NLT

5 “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

Ephesians 1 JB Phillips

4 For consider what He has done—before the foundation of the world He chose us

Believers are chosen by God, and they are chosen before they have done anything or have been anything for God. The great light of this truth casts some shadows... **David Guzik**

2) It is OK to Question God

Anhonest question is not wrong or sinful. But cross-examination from a bitter, untrusting, or rebellious heart is the fruit of unbelief...**gotquestions.org**

2 Samuel 7

18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

Psalm 10

1 Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

Jeremiah 33

3 Call to Me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Psalm 44

21 would not God discover this? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

Hebrews 4

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3) Alone We Can Do Nothing

Psalm 18

2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Philippians 4

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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