

Summary of Sharing on Gideon at Mother of God

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Jesus is Risen Hallelujah!!!

The Lord is inviting us to put our ear to the ground in this season so that He can talk to us about divine strategies regarding things to come. This is a call to deepen our personal relationship with the Lord. He may talk to you in the shower or while driving or through His Word.

I'd like to frame this sharing in the context of the Resurrection. The Resurrection allows us to rise with Christ so that we can hear what He would say to us. One of the ways He can do that is through His Word.

One of the person of the Old Testament, who made it to the hall of fame in the New Testament as a man of Faith, in Hebrews 11:32, is Gideon. The Lord wants to encourage us as so many of us can relate to him in our spiritual walk. Feel free to read Judges 6 & 7 to get more about this.

The gist of this sharing was to contrast Gideon and his thoughts with respect to his circumstances, versus what God is saying to him.

Who	Words Spoken / Response	Takeaway
Gideon/The Israelites	Living under the Midianites' oppression (Judg 6:1-10).	We too can be living in the midst of difficulties right now.
Gideon/The Israelites	Judg 6:6 "Israel was reduced to utter poverty by Midian, and so the Israelites cried out to the LORD".	We too can cry out to the Lord.
God	Gideon's Call Judg 6:11-12 "... the LORD appeared to him and said: The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor! "	The Lord affirms Gideon's identity. You are a mighty man/woman of valor. The Lord is with you. He is for you even when circumstances say otherwise. You are a child of the Most High (Jn 1:12) God wants to affirm our identity in Him.
Gideon	Gideon speaks his reality. Judg 6:13 "My lord," Gideon said to him, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are his wondrous deeds about which our ancestors told us when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' For now, the LORD has abandoned us and has delivered us into the power of Midian."	What are we speaking/ thinking in the midst of trials?
God	Judg 6:14 "The LORD turned to him and said: Go with the strength you have and save Israel from the power of Midian. Is it not I who send you?"	The Lord heard his concerns, but He assures him that He is with him and He commissions him and calls him higher i.e. deliver Israel. In the

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		middle of this, the Lord says Go, I am with you.
Gideon	Judg 6:15 "But he answered him, "Please, my Lord, how can I save Israel? My family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the most insignificant in my father's house."	Sometimes, we too can feel very little before the mountain we are facing. Even so, the Lord can and wants to use us.
God	Judg 6:16 "The LORD said to him: I will be with you , and you will cut down Midian to the last man"	God's response to our fears is that He is with us. <i>{Pause & receive that now – God is with you}</i>
Gideon	Judg 6: 17-18 "He answered him, "If you look on me with favor, give me a sign that you are the one speaking with me. Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my offering and set it before you."	Gideon asks for a sign. How many of us do that with God? When we are called higher, sometimes it is very faint in our hearing, so we ask for double and triple confirmation.
God	Judg 6:18 "He answered: I will await your return."	How beautiful and patient God is. Is God waiting on any one?
Gideon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judg 6:19-21 – Gideon gets the meat for the sacrifice and everything ready and in v 21 – Fire springs up from the rock. ▪ Judg 6: 22 "Gideon perceived that he was an angel of the Lord". ▪ Judg 6:24 – Gideon names the altar "The Lord is peace" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ God showed up and he honored his request for a sign in a big way! ▪ Our God is a God of power and Gideon had a revelation of that. ▪ None of what he is going through sounds like peace, yet, this is how Gideon names it, because he was affirmed his identity in God, God assured him he was with him, and gave him a sign. Us too can have the peace that surpasses understanding (Phil 4:4-7) in the midst of the storm. ▪ Notice Gideon is still commissioned to go. All this time he has not gone yet.
God	Judg 6: 25 -26 The Lord tells him to pull down the altar of Baal and cut don the Asherah beside it and "build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here".	That's exactly what God did in his heart. He pulled down his low self-esteem, affirmed him in his identity, cut down fear by assuring him that

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Gideon	Judg 6: 27 He did it at night because he was afraid.	But still he obeyed the Lord.
Midianites	Judg 6: 28-32 " ...Let Ba'al contend against him because he pulled down his altar".	Gideon's obedience, caused the Lord to create confusion in the enemy camp.
God	Judg 6: 34 The Spirit of the Lord comes upon Gideon.	Gideon could think now he can rest on his laurels. But the Lord calls him even higher. Remember He is a mighty man of valor.
Gideon	Judg 7 Gideon, a strategist, mobilizes 32,000 soldiers to go after the enemy.	Sometimes we too hear the call to do something. We agree, but we go in our own power, not the Lord's. (Zech 4:6) <i>{Pause & ponder this}</i>
God	Judg 7 Judg 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ God cuts that army down to 300 men. ▪ God said no sword or weapon, only grab torches and trumpets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The army is reduced by a factor of 100. Now God can be God. Are you reduced in your storm? Now God can be God in your life. ▪ His ways are higher than our ways. We too should grab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Torch – keep your light on by abiding in The Light of the world (Jn 15). ○ Trumpet – keep praising him through the storm (Ps22:3). <p>Watch Him work in your life.</p>

We do not have to raise an army as Easter people. God can work wonders through any of us. We must trust and obey him. I encourage you to use your trumpet and to keep your torch on. Stay in the Word and let it speak to you. God wants to speak to you.

I pray you are encouraged in the midst of what you are going through to go to the Lord, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In His Love,

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