

What Can God Do Through You?

Everyday Heroes – Part 5

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“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

“He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20

GIDEON’S CALL

“Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.”

Judges 6:1 (NIV)

LESSON 1: WHEN YOU WORSHIP THE _____ OF YOUR CULTURE, DON’T BE SURPRISED IF GOD GIVES YOU OVER TO THE _____ OF YOUR CULTURE.

“Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count the men and their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help . . . 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. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, ‘The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.’”

Judges 6:2-12 (NIV)

LESSON 2: DON’T EVER TELL GOD _____.
LET GOD TELL YOU _____.

“God gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.”

Romans 4:17b (NIV)

“‘But sir,’ Gideon replied, ‘if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.’”

Judges 6:13 (NIV)

“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?’”

Judges 6:14 (NIV)

LESSON 3: IF GOD IS SENDING YOU, THEN GOD IS OBVIOUSLY _____ TO GET THE JOB DONE.

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.”

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)

“‘But LORD,’ Gideon asked, ‘how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.’”

Judges 6:15 (NIV)

LESSON 4: GOD IS NOT LOOKING FOR _____.
HE’S LOOKING FOR _____.

“The LORD answered, ‘I will be with you, and YOU will strike down all the Midianites together.’”

Judges 6:16 (NIV)

LESSON 5: WHEN YOU GO IN THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE, GOD WILL _____ AS YOU GO.

GIDEON’S SACRIFICE

“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 a burnt offering.’ So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him.”

Judges 6:25-27 (NIV)

LESSON 6: BEFORE GOD WILL USE YOU IN _____, HE WANTS YOU TO _____.

“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.”

Jonah 2:8 (NIV)

GIDEON’S ANOINTING

“Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.”

Judges 6:34 (NIV)

LESSON 7: GOD’S _____ COMES _____ YOUR REPENTANCE. GOD’S _____ COMES _____ YOUR REPENTANCE.