



RUGGED FAITH: GIDEON

BACKGROUND & CHARACTER PROFILE

Judge = a _____. A warrior. A chosen leader.

According to Judges 6:1-6, the following are ways the Israelites were being oppressed:

- All their crops _____.
- Sheep, cattle, and donkeys _____.
- Massive forces repeatedly raiding them for 7 years causing them to live in _____.

This 7 years of oppression was their own doing - their consequence - because they didn't follow the Lord.

What does Judges 6:11-12 reveal about Gideon's character?

By addressing Gideon as "mighty warrior," the Lord was revealing the _____ He sees in him, what he will become, not the fearful person he currently is.

CALL TO ACTION

Save Israel out of the hand of the enemy!
Why would God ask Gideon, a farmer to lead a battle? Not just participate - lead!

“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

God doesn’t qualify people based on _____.
He sees the potential! If he called someone who was qualified, they wouldn’t rely on God for help.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.”
1 Corinthians 1:25

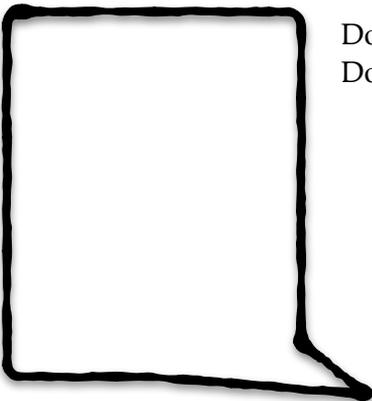
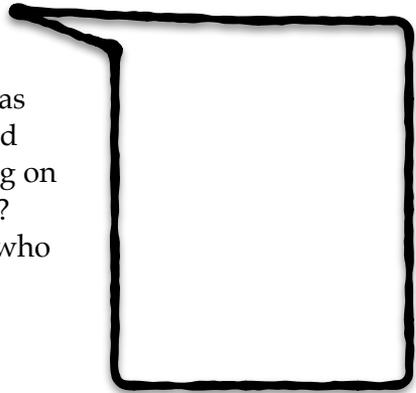
How does this verse correlate to what Gideon may have been thinking about his assignment?

HERO IN THE MAKING

Are You kidding me?

“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

Does this response sound familiar? Have I ever given God a response like that thinking He was foolish for asking? Have I ever said “no” to God because I was focusing on what I thought I wasn’t capable of? Does God ever make mistakes on who He chooses for a task?



Does God need Gideon to help Him?
Does He need me to help Him?