

WAYMAKER

Dominating Fear & Doubt

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Craig Groeschel. "Doubt is not the end of faith but the beginning."

When they cried out to the Lord because of Midian, the Lord sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. I told you, 'I am the Lord your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me." Judges 6:7-10 NLT

Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!" Judges 6:11-12 NLT

"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" 6:13-15 NL

What are you most fearful of...

- Your **FUTURE**
- You Will Be All **ALONE**
- You Will Never **MAKE IT** Out of your problem
- You Will Loose **EVERYTHING**
- That Someone will **SEE** you **FAIL**
- That You Don't have **CONTROL**

The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength. 3 Therefore, tell the people, 'Whoever is timid or afraid may leave this mountain[a] and go home.'" So 22,000 of them went home, leaving only 10,000 who were willing to fight. Judges 7:2-3 NLT

But the Lord told Gideon, "There are still too many! Bring them down to the spring, and I will test them to determine who will go with you and who will not." When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the Lord told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream." Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with their mouths in the stream.

The Lord told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home." " Judges 7:4-7 NLT

OBEDIENCE is a Faith Declaration That You Believe In The POWER Of God, When Fear and Doubt Make You QUESTION The PLAN Of God

How Do I Dominate Doubt & Fear

1. Trust that God is at **WORK** in ways you can't see, doing **FAR MORE** than you will ever know, to **BLESS** you in ways far greater than you can imagine.
2. Replace the **LIE** of my Fears & Doubts, for the **TRUTH** of Gods **PROMISES**
3. Be **OBEDIENT** Today, **TRUSTING** God to take care of **TOMORROW**

That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd... Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. 26 Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down." Judges 6:25-26 NLT

Remember that **ORDINARY** people can do **EXTRAORDINARY** things,
but God can do the **IMPOSSIBLE**.

Life Group Discussion & Questions

BREAKING THE ICE: Share about a time when a friend told you something so amazing you initially didn't believe it and then later found out it was true...

DIGGING IN: What irony do you find in verses Judges 6:11-12?

1. What doubts does Gideon express in Judges 6:13-15? About God? About himself?
2. How does God see Gideon's in the midst of his doubts?
3. What was so significant about Gideon tearing down the alter of Baal and how did that one act sound the ground work for a miracle later?
4. What is one area on your life that you are wrestling with doubt right now?

LIFE APPLICATION: What steps will you take in that area of doubt and how can we pray as a group?

*For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13 NLT*