

The LORD wants You!

## YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?!

Scripture: Judges 6: 1 – 35

### 1. He was pretty bad off

--Life was really hard

<sup>3</sup> Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. <sup>4</sup> They camped on the land and ruined the crops...<sup>5</sup> They came up...like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count the men and their camels...<sup>6</sup> Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.

--There was a spiritual problem

"This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery...<sup>10</sup> I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."

### 2. The LORD came to him

<sup>11</sup> 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.<sup>12</sup> When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

--"It's not who you are. It's who *I AM*" (Ex 3:11-15)

--"Alright I'll show you" (Leviticus 9: 23, 24)

### 3. He got up and did what needed to be done

*Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.<sup>26</sup> 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."<sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.*

--Challenged the gods of his environment

--Inspired others to take a stand

<sup>34</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. <sup>35</sup> He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.

AS YOU LOOK AT IT,

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

Let the LORD show you what he sees you becoming

Review the times God has shown you his power

Get going

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