

Ready, Willing, but ABLE? I don't know...

Scripture: Judges 6: 33 – 7: 24

1. Gideon faced a great challenge

³³ Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel.

--Shouldn't it get easier?

--Can I be certain?

³⁶ Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised- ³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."

2. The LORD is Greater Than the Challenge

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece. This time make the fleece dry and the ground covered with dew." ⁴⁰ That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

-- He is very patient

--He wants you to get the message

¹ Early in the morning, [Gideon] and all his men camped at the spring of Harod...² The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her..."

--He wants you to be sure

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⁹ ...The LORD said to Gideon, "Get up, go down against the camp...¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. ¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed..."

--He wants you to look to him

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped God. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands."

3. There Is a Great Victory

--The LORD acted in power

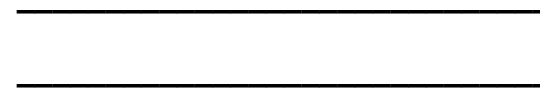
--The people obeyed

AS YOU LOOK AT IT...

WHERE IS THE BATTLE?

Getting over the bondage to stuff

Loving someone who is not like you



Trust and Obey