



“From Fear to Faith”

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Fear: an emotional and physical response to a perceived threat or danger.

Judges 6:11 (NIV)

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.

Judges 6:12 (NIV)

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

- What a good reminder for us that God always sees way more in us than we see in ourselves.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

- The problem is not that our worries are too big, it's that our GOD is too small.

Philippians 4:7-8 (NIV)

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Three truths today from Gideons story to help us move from fear to faith:

- 1. For us to move from fear to faith, we have to fight our inner fear of failure.**

Judges 6:14-15 (NLT)

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

¹⁵ "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!"

- 2. To move from fear to faith, we have to remember that in Christ, we have everything we need.**

Judges 6:14 (NIV)

The LORD turned to him [Gideon] and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Judges 7:2 (NIV)

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. To move from fear to faith, often the first step is backward.**

Judges 7:16-21 (NIV)

Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do.

¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the Lord and for Gideon.'"

¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.

²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

²¹ While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

- Where is God calling you to move from fear to faith?

Romans 10:9 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.