

Youth @ Home Devotional

March 22-28- MEASURING YOUR POTENTIAL

¹¹The 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. ¹²When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” ¹³“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.” ¹⁴The 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?” ¹⁵“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” ¹⁶The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.” ¹⁷Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. ¹⁸Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.” And the Lord said, “I will wait until you return.” (Judges 6:11-18)

1. Who is Gideon (use your Bible and context clues to find out)?
2. Who/what is Gideon afraid of?
3. If Gideon was so afraid, why do you think God addresses him as “mighty man of valor”? What made Gideon “mighty”?
4. Have you ever felt like you can’t do something that God has called you to do? Why do you feel that way?

Gideon didn’t feel like he was able to do what God had called him to do because he lost sight of who God was. He only saw his potential in what he (Gideon) could do, not what God could do through him.

Each and every one of us feel this way at some point in our lives: we measure ourselves to the circumstances at hand and what we can do, but never consider what God can do through us.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Each of us will never amount to much according to the world. We have a father in heaven who loves us and thinks the world of us, so much so that he sent us his son to die on the cross for our sins.

1. What in life right now seems too big to accomplish?
2. During this time, how can you look to God to work through you?

“If we live for people’s acceptance, we will die from their rejection.” -Lecrae