I. FIRST, GIDEON TEACHES US THAT GOD USES DIFFICULTY TO GET OUR ATTENTION.

A. Israel began yet another cycle of sin in Gideon’s day—6:1.
   1. They lived in hiding.
   2. They lived in poverty.
   3. They likewise lived in fear.

B. God often uses difficulty to get our attention as He did with Israel—Prov. 3:11-12.

II. SECOND, GIDEON TEACHES US THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING AROUND US.

A. First, God sent a prophet to deliver a not so good message to Israel—6:7-10.

B. Second, God sent an angel to call Gideon as their Judge—6:11.
   2. At that moment Gideon had a “crisis of belief”.
   3. God assured Gideon that He would go with him to deliver Israel—6:14.
   4. Gideon asked for a sign and God gave it to him—6:17, 21-22.
   5. We may long for a sign today.

III. THIRD, GIDEON TEACHES US THAT WE MUST MAKE MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS IN OUR LIVES TO GO WITH GOD.

A. God expected Gideon to make major adjustments in the way he and his family worshipped idols—Judges 6:25-27.

B. Following God can be costly as Gideon discovered—6:28-30.

C. After Gideon adjusted his life to God he was ready to serve Him—6:34.
IV. FOURTH, GIDEON TEACHES US THAT GOD IS PATIENT.

A. Gideon still struggled with doubts and asked for another sign—6:36-38.

B. God is patient not only with Gideon, but also with us.

V. FIFTH, GIDEON TEACHES US THAT ONE PLUS GOD IS A MAJORITY.

A. God thinned Gideon’s army down from 32,000 to 10,000 by letting all those afraid to go home.

B. God further thinned Gideon’s army down from 10,000 to 300.