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Then the Angel of the LORD appeared to him and said: "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

Judges 6 vs 12

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GIDEON'S QUESTIONS

If the LORD is with us, why has all this happened?

Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about?

Hasn't the LORD brought us out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian.



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The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the power of Midian. Am I not sending you?"

"Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

"But I will be with you," the LORD said to him. "You will strike Midian down [as if it were] one man."



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Vs 24 Gideon built an altar – The-Lord -
is –Peace (Yahweh Shalom)

Dan 11v32

This Revelation of God would bring
about Israel's wholeness, security, well
being, prosperity and realignment
nothing missing nothing lacking nothing
broken

You can trust God when you are
exposed to the Love of God and then
following him as Lord is easy



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Dealing with Idols

Better is he who controls his spirit
than a warrior who can take a city

Gideon feared God more
than his father

This released the spirit of God on him

Passivity does not bring peace



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Change

Character makes you stand out

James 1v2-4

Perseverance & Joy



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Judges 6 vs36 if you will deliver Israel by
man hand as you have said

Care for something greater than yourself

Love is a weapon

Graham Cooke “the fruit of the spirit is as
much a weapon as the gifts of the
Holy Spirit



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What does it mean to Love our neighbour?



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“A saint is one who exaggerates
what the world neglects”

G.K Chesterton

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- Judges 6vs 33 assembling nation
- Judges 7v2 too many... say my hand delivered me
- Judges 7v7 delivered them into your hand
- Army whittled down from 4:1 to 450:1
- Resource challenge



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Picking your company

- Judges 7v3 Willing to fight
- Judges 7v18 sword of the Lord and of Gideon
- David and his mighty men

Judges 8v11-12

Something happens to these
300men



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“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and of good courage;
do not be afraid, nor be
dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you
Wherever you go”

Joshua 1vs9

What is courage?

*Strength of mind in regard to
danger; that quality which enables a
man to encounter danger with
firmness; personal bravery; courage;
prowess; intrepidity*

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A PICTURE OF COURAGE



Bono at Ted Talks - Feb 2005 (www.ted.com)

His passion to change Africa was birthed not from what he did in a moment when courage was required but rather from a realisation of the consequences of what he had not done

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Erwin McManus “The history of God’s people is not a record of God searching for courageous men & women who could handle the tasks but of God transforming the hearts of cowards and calling them to live courageous lives.

Adam & Eve Hid

Abraham lied

Moses ran

David deceived

Esther wavered

Elijah contemplated suicide

John the Baptist doubted

Peter denied

11 Disciples ran away

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“Courage is not the absence of Fear; it’s the absence of Self”.

Erwin McManus



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