

Title: "Why not you?"

Text: Judges 6:11-24

Target: We all have the tendency to believe the very best for everyone else around us, while often times failing to believe what we are actually telling other people. Therefore, what you may think is your personal limitation actually can become your prolific liberation!

Teaching Points:

- I. Gideon's Calling:** *The Lord... said him* (Vs. 12)
 - a. God's Presence:** *"Now the angel of the LORD came and sat..."* (Vs.11)
 - b. God's Promise:** *"The LORD is with you"* (Vs. 12a)
 - c. God's Perspective:** *"Mighty man of Valor"* (Vs. 12)

- II. Gideon's Confusion:** *"if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us?"* (Vs. 13)
 - a. Financial Poverty:** *And where are all his wonderful deeds* (Vs. 13)
 - b. Feeling of Powerlessness:** *"But now the LORD has forsaken us* (Vs. 13)
 - c. Facing Persecution:** *and given us into the hand of Midian"* (Vs. 13)

- III. Gideon's Confirmation:** *"And the LORD turned to him and said"* (Vs. 14)
 - a. I will Strengthen you:** *"do not I send you?"* (Vs. 14)
 - b. I Sent you:** *"Go in this might of yours"* (Vs. 14)
 - c. I will Stand with you:** *"But I will be with you"* (Vs. 16)
 - d. I will give Significance to you:** *"you shall strike the Midianites as one man"*(Vs. 16)

- IV. Gideon's Comfort:** *"I will stay till you return."* (Vs. 18)
 - a. Reassures through Fire:** *"And fire sprang up from the rock"* (Vs. 21)
 - b. Reveals His Face:** *"I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face"* (Vs. 22)
 - c. Reaffirms His Faithfulness:** *"Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die"* (Vs. 23)

Take Away: The tendency is to hear a message, process a message, even take notes from this message, but not place yourself in the message. My prayer for you today is that everywhere you see the name Gideon you would replace his name with yours and know that the same God that met with Gideon is that same God that wants to meet with you.