

Midian, Gideon, & God

(Judges 6-7)

- Introduction:
1. One of the great things about the Bible is the honest way in which it evaluates its heroes.
 2. It records the good along with the ugly.
 3. While we often characterize Gideon as a great man; a mighty man of valor (Judges 6:12), he also had some rather serious flaws he needed to work through.

I. He Doubted The Word Of God

- A. (Judges 6:36).
- B. Who has the nerve to say to God... "If you will do what you said you will do...?"
- C. (1 Thessalonians 5:24).
- D. Do you ever doubt the word of God?
 1. Our confidence is wrapped up in our trust of God's word.

II. He Discounted The Sign Of God

- A. (Judges 6:37-39).
- B. Not only once, but twice (Judges 6:17,21).
- C. How often do people discount the will of God?
 1. "But God wants me to be happy" (Luke 11:28).
 2. "We prayed about it and feel this is what God would want."
- D. (Matthew 16:21-23).

III. He Distrusted The Power Of God

- A. (Judges 7:10-11).
- B. The reduction of the size of the army was unsettling to Gideon.
- C. There were 135,000 of the enemy and were described in (Judges 7:12).
- D. God knew he was afraid and needed strengthening.

- Conclusion:
1. Let's us learn, both from Gideon's mistakes as well as his obedience.
 2. Let us learn to commit ourselves to God and trust him.