

OCTOBER 2

“GOD DOES NOT SEE YOU THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF.”

READ

Judges 6:11-16, and 8:4

The Israelites were being oppressed by the Midianites. Every time the Israelites planted crops and got ready for their harvest, the Midianites came in and stole it. Gideon harvested a little bit of wheat, and hid it in a wine press. He is a fearful man, but the Lord calls him “a mighty man of valor.” God does not see you the way you see yourself. The Lord sends out a befuddled, fearful and doubtful Gideon, with no confidence in God, himself, or anybody else, to do a big job. The very reason God chose him was because he was fearful and lacking in confidence. Maybe you’re like Gideon, and asking, “If the Lord is with us, then why has this happened?” You lack confidence in your prayers and your abilities. You ask, “How could God possibly use me?” God will show you as He calls you out and leads you in victory. Let that Scripture resonate in your heart: “Exhausted but still in pursuit.” You have to get to the place where you stop reminding God of how pitiful or how fearful you are, and go in the power of His might.

PRAY

Lord, I’ve got nothing to give, but You want what I have. Please take my life and use it for Your glory. I am exhausted but You are my strength. I will keep pursuing. I am fearful, but You will give me courage. I trust You.

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