

Apostolic power: The power to advance the Light through signs and wonders and mighty works

Judges 6

Vs 6

Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.

Vs 11

The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.

Vs 12

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, He said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

Vs 13

"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."

Vs 14

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

Vs 15

"But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

### **Hesitation #1-Do I have what it takes?**

Vs 16

The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

Vs 17

Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me.

### **Hesitation #2 -Am I really hearing from God?**

Vs 25-26

That same night the LORD said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering."

### **Hesitation #3-Can I change?**

Vs 27

So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

### **Hesitation #4-What if others are not supportive of this anointing in my life?**

Vs 29

They asked each other, "Who did this?" When they carefully investigated, they were told, "Gideon son of Joash did it."

Vs 33

Now all the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples joined forces and crossed over the Jordan and camped in the Valley of Jezreel.

### **Hesitation #5 –Will it make any difference?**

Vs 34-35

Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.