

Sermon Discussion Notes

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Key Text: Judges 6:1-24

God Calls Us Out of Desperate Situations

- The Israelite's were in bondage and suffered because of sin (Judges 6:1-5).
- Gideon complained (Judges 6:13) and made excuses (Judges 6:15).
 - He had a worldly mindset instead of a kingdom mindset.

God Changes Our Identity and Shifts Our Mindset

- The angel who visited Gideon was Jesus (Judges 6:12, 14, 16).
 - He reminded Gideon of his purpose and calling.
 - The word *valor* means "might" or "strength."
- Our identity is in Christ (Romans 13:14).

The Power of Sowing and Reaping

- Gideon gave what he had to give (Judges 6:19).
- God, in return, gave him peace: Jehovah Shalom (Judges 6:23-24).
 - The word *shalom* implies good health, prosperity, and contentment.

God is Calling Us Out of Hiding

- The man with the withered hand had to show his weakness to the world (Luke 6:6-10).
- God gives us power and strength to accomplish His purpose for us (Isaiah 40:29-31).
- God will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6).

God Calls Us to Live by Faith

- The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17).
 - Belief is the mindset of faith, and it produces good works.
- A change of perspective and the confirmation of next steps comes as we get closer to who God has called us to be and where God has called us to be.
- See through the eyes of faith, not fear.