

unQualified: Overcoming Your Lack Of Faith!

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Judges 6:1, *The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years He gave them into the hands of the Midianites. 2 Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. 3 Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. 4 They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. 5 They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. 6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.*

Sources Of Your Lack Of Faith:

-Real ENEMIES Cause Real Fear, But God Sees More Than YOU DO!

-Troubling CIRCUMSTANCES Cause Anxiety, But God Uses Tough Times To Get Your ATTENTION!

-Focusing On SELF Causes Discouragement And Depression, But Your Real Sense Of Value Comes From YOUR CREATOR!

-Past Or Present SIN Causes Guilt But Crying Out To God

Brings FORGIVENESS!

Judges 6:11, *The Angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak... where His son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the Angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, He said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." 13 "Pardon me, my Lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." 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?" 15 "Pardon me, my Lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." 16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites..."*

Overcoming Your Lack Of Faith:

-You Already Have Everything YOU NEED!

-Don't Let Your Insecurities HOLD YOU BACK!

-Remember God Is With You And He Created You For SO MUCH MORE!

Judges 6:23, *But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." 24 So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there...*

Questions To Help You Put This Message Into Practice:

- What Does My/Our Repeating Pattern Of Sinfulness Look Like?
- Do I/We Spend Too Much Time Focusing On Our Enemies, Our Circumstances, Ourselves?
- What Excuses Do I/We Use To Keep From Serving God?
- What Changes Do I/We Need To Make To Spend More Of Our Time, Energy And Resources Serving God?
- How Can I/We Build A Strong Spiritual Heritage Beginning Today?

Next Steps:

-Throughout the “unQualified” series, our students will be hearing the same message in Student Worship. If you are a parent of a teenager, this will be a great opportunity for a good discussion with your teen following each message.

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