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**Little Is Much In The Hands Of God**

Judges 6:11-24, 7 & 8

**Key Truth:** God invites us to do things for His honor that far exceed our own capabilities.

**The Story of A Reluctant Hero:**

1. Gideon didn’t see himself the way God did. Judges 6

2. Gideon’s faith was far from perfect. Judges 7:1-18, Hebrews 11:32

3. Gideon delivered Israel but made one fatal flaw. Judges 8:22-28

4. Gideon got caught up in reading his on press. Judges 8:29-32

**Life Lessons:**

1. God never calls us to do something for Him in our own

 strength.

2. Don’t ask for a sign when God has clearly spoken.

 A. The primary way to discern God’s will for your life is

 the Bible.

3. You can only worship at one altar.

 A. We must tear down contrary altars in our lives.

4. God can do great things with little faith.

5. God meets us where we are but He doesn’t expect us to

 stay there.

6. Remember that God is the Hero of your story.

7. Never replace God with religious symbols.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for inviting you to participate in His mission. Rely upon His strength and not our own to accomplish His will.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Has there been a time in your life when you knew God’s will but were afraid to follow it? What was it that made you fearful?

2. Joshua is another person who was in a similar situation as Gideon. In Joshua 1:6-9 and Deuteronomy 31:7-8, what words of encouragement do Moses and God give to Joshua that you think could also help others deal with their fears?

3. Jesus tells us that He will be with us always in Matthew 28:19-20. How could the ongoing knowledge of God’s constant presence make a difference in our attitude or actions?

4. Read Luke 1:5-23: Why do you think God dealt this way with Zechariah in contrast to Gideon’s request?

5. Throughout the Bible there are numerous instances where, like Gideon, followers of God substituted religious rituals and obligations for an authentic relationship with Him. In the passages below, what rituals or obligations were they focused on instead of trusting God?

**Isaiah 1:13-17**

**Micah 6:6-8**

**Hosea 6:6**

This weekend we heard seven life lessons from the life of Gideon. Which one is the biggest need in your life right now? What step could you take to begin working that lesson into your life?