

Who Me?

"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. "

The Lord answered, "I will be with you..."

Judges 6:15-16 (NIV)

It always encourages me how our sovereign Lord uses insignificant people to do remarkable things for His kingdom.

We know that mighty people like John Calvin, John Wesley and others tower above the heads of many in history. They were highly gifted, wonderfully well educated, brought into the world by the Lord at critical times, and so on.

Yet, in certain situations, God seems to delight in calling some very ordinary person, with little education, and no significant gifts, and makes them into lions in His service.

Such a man was Gideon. He seemed almost cowardly. At the very least he was hesitant to accept the Lord's invitation to leadership and step onto the stage of history to act as the deliverer of the nation Israel.

On this occasion of the Lord returning to the people in answer to their prayers He had decided to use a genuine nobody, a man without special gifts and abilities to be the leader of the entire nation.

When Gideon gets the charge to lead the people of God against the oppressive nation of the Midianites, he tells the Lord he is a weak and unimpressive person from the weakest clan in the nation. It is as though he said to God, "Who? Me?"

What is remarkable is that the Lord did not deny Gideon's assessment of himself. God, instead, told Gideon that He will be with him. God promised to accompany Gideon on the mission of destroying the enemy and assured him of success.

The entire point of the story is that the weakest person succeeds against any enemy if the Lord is

with them. All that matters is that God is with us.

Regardless of how weak, weary, confused you may feel Christian friend, keep this truth God said in mind. "Surely I will be with you..."

As one hymn writer put it: The feeblest saint shall win the day though death and hell obstruct the way.

As a child of God your heavenly Father is walking alongside you all the way through this difficulty. Never focus on how insignificant or weak you are. Keep on looking at the omnipotent God you serve. Your problems will never exhaust His inexhaustible resources.

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