

SERMON OUTLINE

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Faith & Fears in Gideon

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I. The End of the Story of Gideon

- A. **Judges 7:7-8** - 300 men vs. Midian & Amelek & others = 120,000
- B. **Judges 7:19-22a** - The army is in disarray - flees - chased by Israel
- C. **Judges 8:4** - Pursue the remaining 15,000 men
- D. Mentioned in **Hebrews 11:32** - man of FAITH not FEAR

II. Overcoming Our Fears

- A. The Fear of Loss
 - 1. **The Condition** in Israel: **Judges 6:2-6** - brought very low
 - 2. **The Source**: Our fears - **Judges 6:10** - fear their gods
 - 3. **Problem**:
 - a. Lowered my standard: **Judges 6:6,11** - This is NOT okay
 - b. Lost connection with God: **Judges 6:15** - nobody (ME)
 - c. Lost perspective: **Judges 6:13; 6:8-9** - God can do it!
 - 4. **Solution**:
 - a. Remember - **Judges 6:8-9** - God is with us
 - b. Obey - **Judges 6:10**
 - c. Trust - **Judges 6:12** - Valiant warrior?????
- B. The Fear of Rejection
 - 1. The first step is the toughest!!! **Judges 6:25-26**
 - 2. You WILL face opposition! **Judges 6:27, 29-30**
 - 3. He didn't allow his FEARS to control him: **Judges 6:22-24, 31**
- C. The Fear of Failure
 - 1. Continuing in faith is the toughest (easy to start) **Judg 6:33-35**
 - 2. Gideon wants reassurance - **Judges 6:36** - If it is true...
- D. The Fear of Our Enemy
 - 1. God whittles the army down to 300 men - **Judges 7:2**
 - a. The call - GO - **Judges 7:9-11** - If afraid then...
 - b. The fear: The size/power of the enemy
 - 2. What did he learn when visiting the army? **Judges 7:13-14**
 - a. Satan quakes at the Lord's army.
 - b. **Proverbs 21:31** - "The victory belongs to the Lord!"

III. Conclusion:

- Psalm 33:13-22** - The most valuable is knowing God