



Blinded By Fear

Judges 6:11-16

Background

- The Israelites had abandoned God for false idols, so God gave them over to the Midianites for seven years.
- Being harvest time, the Midianites would soon be coming through to reap the benefits of Israel's hard work.
- The Israelites had forgotten that God was their source of strength and lived in fear of the Midianite oppression.

Gideon's Call

- The Angel of the Lord revealed Himself to Gideon.
- While man looks at outward appearances, God looks at the heart.
- Gideon was living in fear, but God saw a mighty man of valor.
- Gideon began to make excuses.
- Gideon only saw what was in front of him.

God's Logic

- God chose Gideon to command the Israelite army so that when victory happened, the people of Israel would recognize how big their God is.
- Gideon proposed tests for reassurance that the plan really was of God.
- Gideon led an army of 300 men to victory over the Midianite's army of 135,000.
- Gideon, who was found hiding in a wine press because of fear, is later listed in Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith.

Dealing With Fear

- Having to deal with fear in and of itself is not a sin.
- The first step in dealing with fear is to recognize God's presence.
- The next step in dealing with fear is to depend on God's provision.
- The final step in dealing with fear is to enter into God's peace.
- We do not have to fear because we know the end of the story.

Conclusion

- Is your trust in God?
- Do you need to ask God to help you trust Him more?
- It's time you put your trust in God.
- *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”*