



CHANGE YOUR WORLD IN 2026

- Pray for your friends and family.
- Text, FB, or write a message of encouragement.
- Show mercy to those who don't expect it.
- Share your resources generously.

GIVING RECEIPTS

Thank you for your generous giving in 2025. You will be receiving a GIVING RECEIPT before the end of January.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery meets again on January 15 at 7:15 p.m. Any questions see Deb Perez.

SOLID GROUND

As we usher in 2026, there are some things you can still choose: you can choose your **CONFESSION**; You can choose your **ATTITUDE**; and you can choose your **ACTIONS**.
That's a solid place to start 2026!

*Vision for the Year
and Beyond Our Comfort Zone
Trusting God Through Faith
Stepping into God's Purposes for Our Lives*

JANUARY TEACHING SERIES

Living BOLDLY

*Vision for the Year
Trusting God Beyond Our Comfort Zone
Overcoming Fear Through Faith
Stepping into God's Purposes*

Jan 04 » Vision for the Year

Jan 18 » Overcoming Fear Through Faith

Jan 11 » Trusting God Beyond Our Comfort Zone

Jan 25 » Stepping into God's Purposes for Our Lives

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

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METRICS THAT MATTER - 01/04/25

Attendance ▶ 27 Giving ▶ \$1,245 Guests ▶ 0
Volunteers ▶ 14 Decisions for Christ ▶ 0

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Living BOLDLY

Trusting God Beyond
our Comfort Zone

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ... To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; ...,that he might be glorified.

Gideon A MAN ACTING OUT OF HIS COMFORT ZONE *Judges 6:11*

Midianite Oppression: Specifically, when Gideon was called, the Midianites were oppressing Israel, stealing their harvests, causing widespread poverty and fear, forcing Israelites to hide in caves.

RESPONDING TO CONFLICTUAL/DIFFICULT SITUATION.

- Gideon was hiding - harvesting in the winepress
- Other human responses
 - pretend like it's not there until it goes away?
 - try to give it to someone else to take care of?
 - get stressed out or angry and try to take control?
 - just give up?

GOD'S CALL (HE SEES US AS WE ARE NOT YET!)

*And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O **mighty man of valor.**"*

Dealing with doubts about God


And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian."

GIDEON'S UNRESOLVED FEELINGS FEEDING HIS DOUBT:

- 1. Abandonment** - He felt like God had left them alone in their suffering.
- 2. Discouragement** - He had been looking for a miracle, only to be disappointed again and again by attacks from the Midianites.
- 3. Pain** - Judges 6:1-6 tells us that the Midianites were especially cruel. They stole food and animals from the Israelites, so that the Israelites were reduced to starvation. Gideon and his people would have known physical and emotional pain
- 4. Fear** - Imagine the stress of knowing you could be attacked at any moment and all your livelihood stolen. That's a lot of stress to carry around at all times.
- 5. Anger and perhaps bitterness** - Though he didn't directly say he was angry at God, Gideon saw God as someone who abandoned him without explanation

Dealing with doubts about himself

Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

Emotions that accompany self-doubt: **inadequacy, insecurity, fear, and often shame.** 

God's response to his doubts

Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

Gideon counters

Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me."

Dropping any extra weights

That night the LORD said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal, and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it. Then build an altar to the LORD your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on

the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."

Doing things afraid

So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town.

Going with faithful friends

When Gideon pulled down his father's idol in the middle of the night, he took 10 guys with him. Later 32,000 Warriors accompanied him

Embracing your weaknesses

Gideon went on to fight and defeat the huge Midianite army with just his 300 men.



LIVING BOLDLY BELIEVING GOD'S PROMISES

Isaiah 43:1-2 *But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*