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## GIDEON: A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR

*“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)*

### Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	Gideon doubted himself, but with the Lord’s power, he was able to become a mighty man of valor and defeat the Midianite army. Understand how Gideon failed to build a lasting faith and allowed himself to become ensnared in sin.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is all-powerful, and He will help us when we rely on Him.
<i>Good Works</i>	Focus on the skills that God has given to us by seeing ourselves from God’s point of view. Learn the actions that we can take to build up our trust in the Lord.

### A. Gideon Is Called by the Lord

1. *“Tear down the altar of Baal that your father has”*: In order to serve Him, God wants us to knock down the idols in our lives that pull us away from Him.
2. *From Doubt to Trust*: Testing God is a sign of unfaithfulness. God wants us to trust Him, not test Him. Therefore, when the Lord calls us, we need to build up our faith and trust in Him, as well as our reliance on Him.

### B. Three Hundred Men

1. *Relying on God’s Power*: We should learn to rely on God, because there is only so much knowledge and wisdom that we can obtain on our own, while the Lord is all-powerful.
2. *“Go in this might of yours...Have I not sent you?”*: Part of Gideon’s fears stemmed from a lack of confidence and the status he had in society. But when God calls us, whatever strength that we have is enough. As long as we rely on Him, God will handle the rest.

### C. Gideon Is Ensnared

1. *A Steadfast Faith*: Although Gideon destroyed the altar of Baal as God had commanded, he did not remove the idols in his heart, and as a result, he strayed from God after defeating the Midianites.
2. *Remembering the Lord*: One of the dangers to our faith is simply forgetting what God has given us. We must learn from the Israelites’ mistakes, and spend time with God every day.

### Life Application

#### 1. Mighty Man of Valor

##### Learn to see ourselves from God’s point of view

When we lack confidence, it is easy to believe that we cannot do this or that job. But if the Lord calls us to serve Him, we should learn to see ourselves from His point of view. This is because we often overlook the skills that God has given us when we focus on our perceived flaws, or when we compare ourselves to human standards instead.

#### 2. Building Up Our Trust in God

Gideon repeatedly had doubts about God’s presence and power, because he lacked a close relationship with the Lord. Just as we develop trust in our friends and family over time, we need to build up our trust in the Lord with time, patience, and effort.

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## Lesson 3 Homework Assignment

### Gideon: A Mighty Man of Valor

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (2 Corinthians 12:9):

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1. Why would Paul rather “boast” of his infirmities?
2. “For we are His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, which God \_\_\_\_\_ beforehand that we should \_\_\_\_\_ in  
them.” (Ephesians 2:10)
3. What was the first thing God commanded Gideon to do? What does this teach us?
4. Why did God reduce the Israelite army to only 300 men?
5. What did Gideon’s request for the plunder tell us about his faith?
6. Have you ever questioned God’s presence or power in the past? Why?