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Hebrews 11:32

## THE FAITH THAT FINDS COURAGE

### I. Introduction:

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about **Gideon**... Hebrews 11:32a

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "**The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.**" Judges 6:12

### II. Gideon was...

#### Defeated "

...**if the Lord** is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about?...**the Lord** has abandoned us..." Judges 6:13

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. **Am I not sending you?**" Judges 6:14

#### Demoralized

"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." Judges 6:15

The Lord answered, "**I will be with you...**" Judges 6:16

#### Doubting

Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, **give me a sign** that it is really you talking to me." Judges 6:17

When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, "Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!" But the Lord said to him, "**Peace! Do not be afraid.** You are not going to die." Judges 6:22,23

### III. Conclusion And Application:

#### Two application questions:

1. Am I **hearing** what God is saying to me about me?

**He chose us** in him before the creation of the world to be **holy and blameless** in his sight. Ephesians 1:4

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called **children of God!** And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1a

You are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

2. Am I **speaking** what God is saying to others about them?

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but **only what is helpful for building others** up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

What is the next step of faith for you?