

THE POWER OF “ONE”

“Gideon...an unlikely Hero”

I. INTRODUCTION: The Book of Judges

A. Judges 2:10: “Another Generation”

B. The Cycle:

1. Israel breaks covenant with God
2. God allows a foreign nation to dominate Israel as judgment
3. Israel cries out to the Lord for deliverance
4. God extends Mercy toward Israel
5. God raises up a “Judge” to deliver Israel from their oppressors

C. Note: Every time Israel needed deliverance – **God raised up an individual** – _____ **to rescue them!**

II. God Works Through The Power Of “ONE”:

A. Gideon – An unlikely Hero: Judges 6:11

1. Gideon was the _____ son of Joash
2. Gideon was from a part of the _____ tribe of Manasseh.
3. Gideon lived in the _____ township of Ophrah.
4. Gideon was _____ of the Midianites and was threshing wheat in hiding.

B. God sees _____ in an unlikely Hero:

1. God does not look at the _____ appearance: Judges 6:12; I Samuel 16:7
2. God’s heroes are usually _____ of their own potential: Judges 6:13-14
3. God’s heroes many times are initially _____ to answer the call to do something great: Judges 6:15; Jonah #1; Acts 9:10-19

C. God _____ works with the unlikely heroes in fulfilling His purposes.

1. God calls Gideon to establish _____ in his life before He called Gideon to deliver Israel: Judges 6:25-35

2. God helped Gideon process through his _____:

- a. Gideon seeks a sign: Judges 6:17-21
- b. God reveals Himself to Gideon: Judges 6:23-24
- c. Gideon seeks another sign(s): Judges 6:36-40
- d. God knows that Gideon may still be _____, so He lets Gideon hear the dream of the Midianite.: Judges 7:9-15

D. God chose to work through _____ to bring both deliverance and renewal to His people: (Cf., Rom 5:18 – “...**through One MAN’S Righteousness...**”)

1. Judges 6:16: And the Lord said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as _____.”
2. God did not choose to deliver Israel by the hand of thousands, nor by the hands of a might army. He chose to deliver Israel by the hand of _____.
3. God did this so that He would get the _____! Judges 7:7

III. CONCLUSION:

A. If God chose the unlikely Gideon to be His hero to save the nation of Israel, is it too far fetched to think that He could choose _____ here this morning , or one who will listen to this message – **To deliver our nation in this critical time of need?**

B. What can I do to encourage **one person to** _____, **one person to** _____ Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, **one person to** _____ and encourage another person to become involved in turning the tide of ungodliness in our land?

C. **Isaiah 6:8-9**: “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “**Here am I! _____!**” And He said, **Go and tell this people...**”