

The background of the image is a landscape of rolling hills under a dramatic sky. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds, some of which are illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow. The hills are covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass, and the overall lighting suggests a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on this scene.

GIDEON'S COURAGE

Judges 6:12-17 & 7:1-11

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¹² Then the Angel of the LORD appeared to him (Gideon) and said: "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." ¹³ Gideon said to Him, "Please Sir, if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened? And where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about? They said, 'Hasn't the LORD brought us out of Egypt?'"

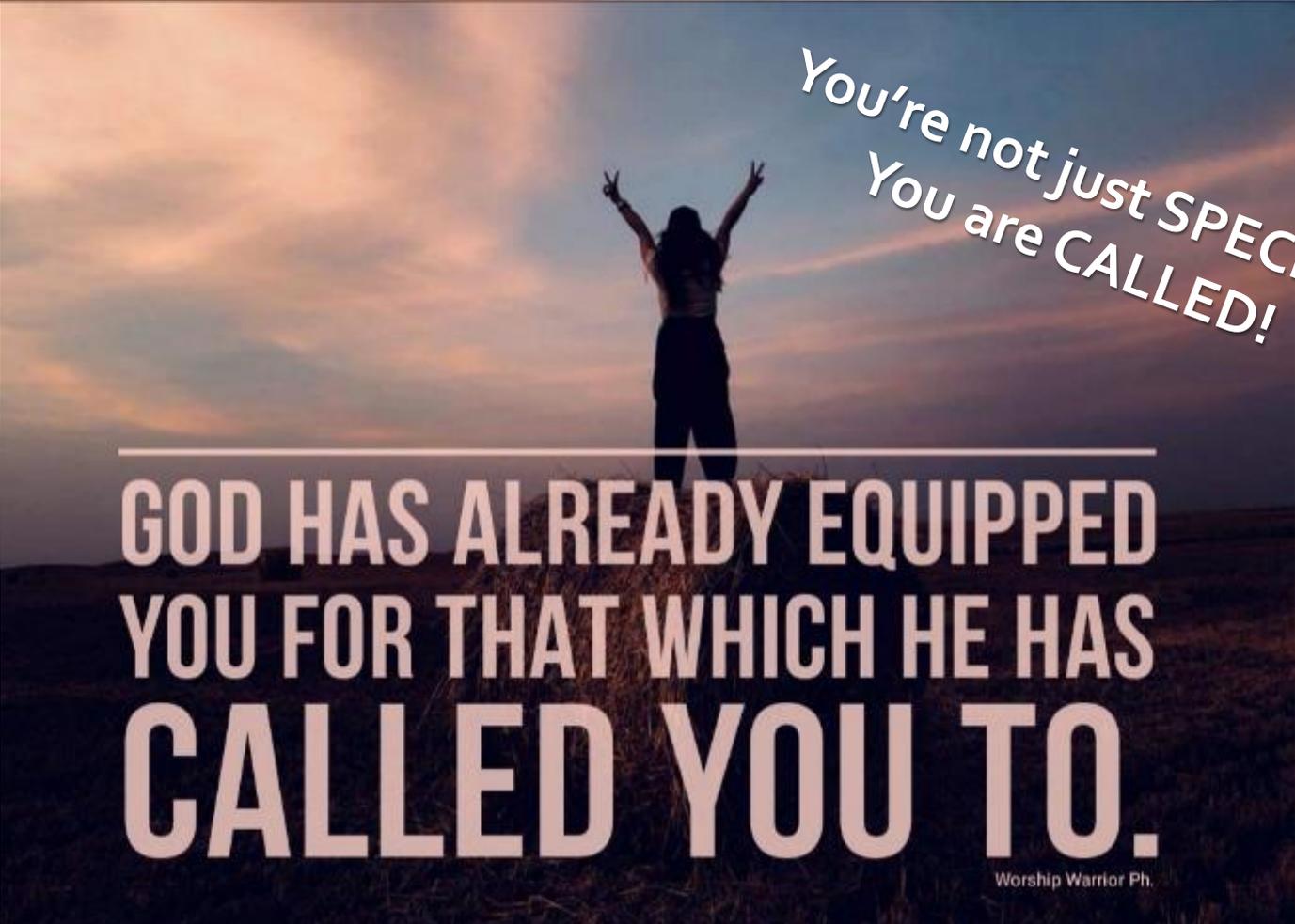
Judges 6:12-17

But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian.” ¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and deliver Israel from the power of Midian. Am I not sending you?” ¹⁵ He said to Him, “Please, Lord, how can I deliver Israel?”

Judges 6:12-17

Look, my family is the weakest in Manasseh,
and I am the youngest in my father's house."
¹⁶ "But I will be with you," the LORD said to him.
"You will strike Midian down as if it were one
man."
¹⁷ Then he said to Him, "If I have found
favor in Your sight, give me a sign that You are
speaking with me.

Judges 6:12-17

A person is silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky, standing on a grassy hill with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and wispy clouds. The overall mood is one of inspiration and faith.

*You're not just SPECIAL!
You are CALLED!*

**GOD HAS ALREADY EQUIPPED
YOU FOR THAT WHICH HE HAS
CALLED YOU TO.**

Worship Warrior Ph.

Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and everyone who was with him, got up early and camped beside the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them, below the hill of Moreh, in the valley. ² The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many people for Me to hand the Midianites over to you, or else Israel might brag: ‘I did it myself.’”

Judges 7:1-9

3 Now announce in the presence of the people:
'Whoever is fearful and trembling may turn
back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So 22,000 of the
people turned back, but 10,000 remained.
4 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still
too many people. Take them down to the
water, and I will test them for you there.

Judges 7:1-9

If I say to you, 'This one can go with you,' he can go. But if I say about anyone, 'This one cannot go with you,' he cannot go." ⁵ So he brought the people down to the water, and the LORD said to Gideon, "Separate everyone who laps water with his tongue like a dog (good). Do the same with everyone who kneels to drink. (bad)"

Judges 7:1-9

⁶ The number of those who lapped with their hands to their mouths was 300 men, and all the rest of the people knelt to drink water. ⁷ The LORD said to Gideon, “I will deliver you with the 300 men who lapped and hand the Midianites over to you. But everyone else is to go home.”

Judges 7:1-9

⁸ So Gideon sent all the Israelites to their tents but kept the 300, who took the people's provisions and their trumpets. The camp of Midian was below him in the valley. ⁹ That night the LORD said to him, "Get up and go into the camp, for I have given it into your hand.

Judges 7:1-9



22,000 of 32,000 Go Home Scared

Finally 300 of the 10,000 were chosen!



That's less than 1% of the 32,000!

Of course, Gideon had to make sure God meant what He said!

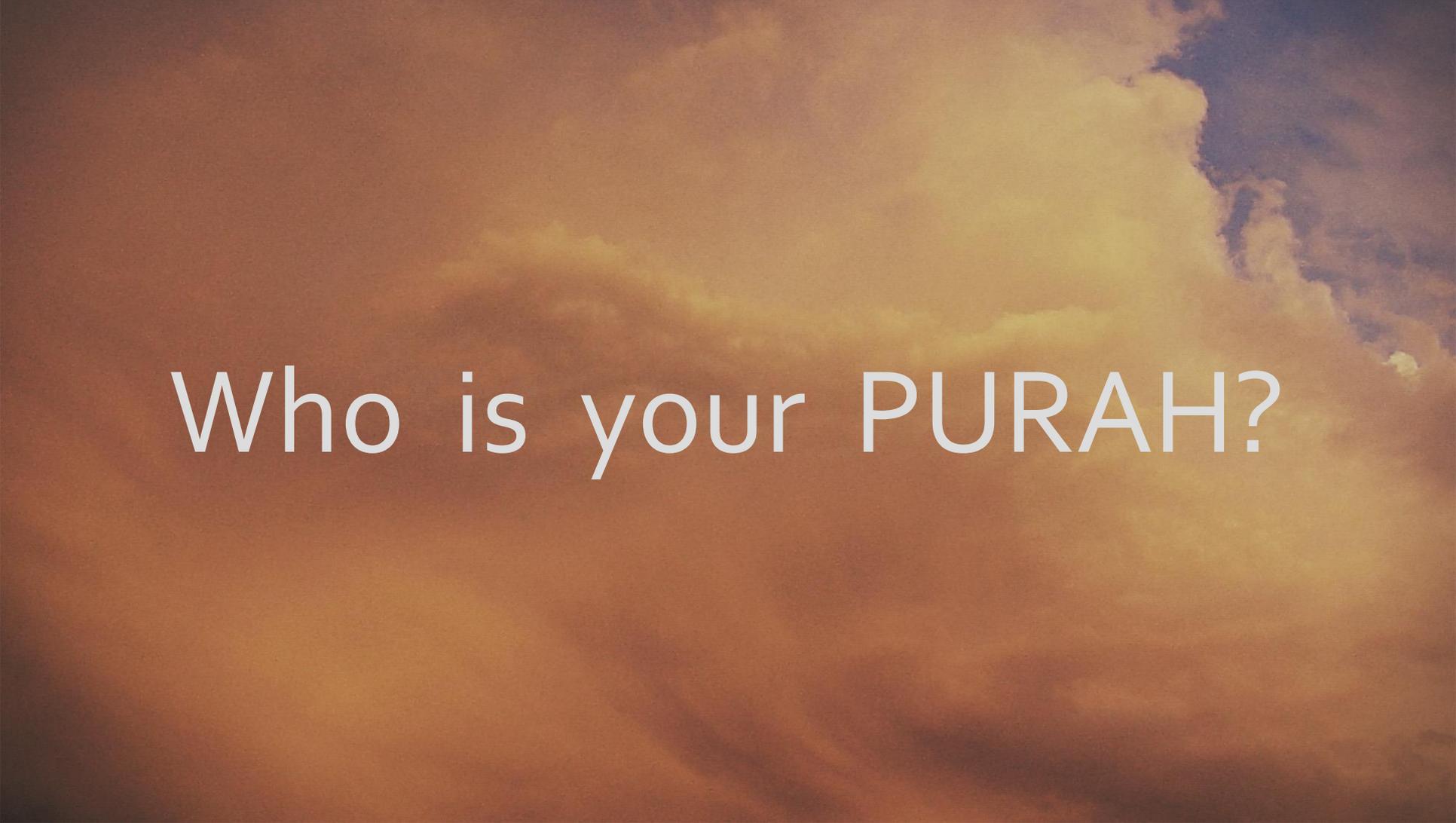
✓ “If I have found favor in Your sight, give me a sign that You are speaking with me.”

✓ “If You will deliver Israel by my hand, as You said, I will put a fleece of wool here”

**GIDEON'S
COURAGE**

¹⁰ But if you are afraid to go to the camp, go with Purah your servant. ¹¹ Listen to what they say, and then you will be strengthened to go to the camp.”

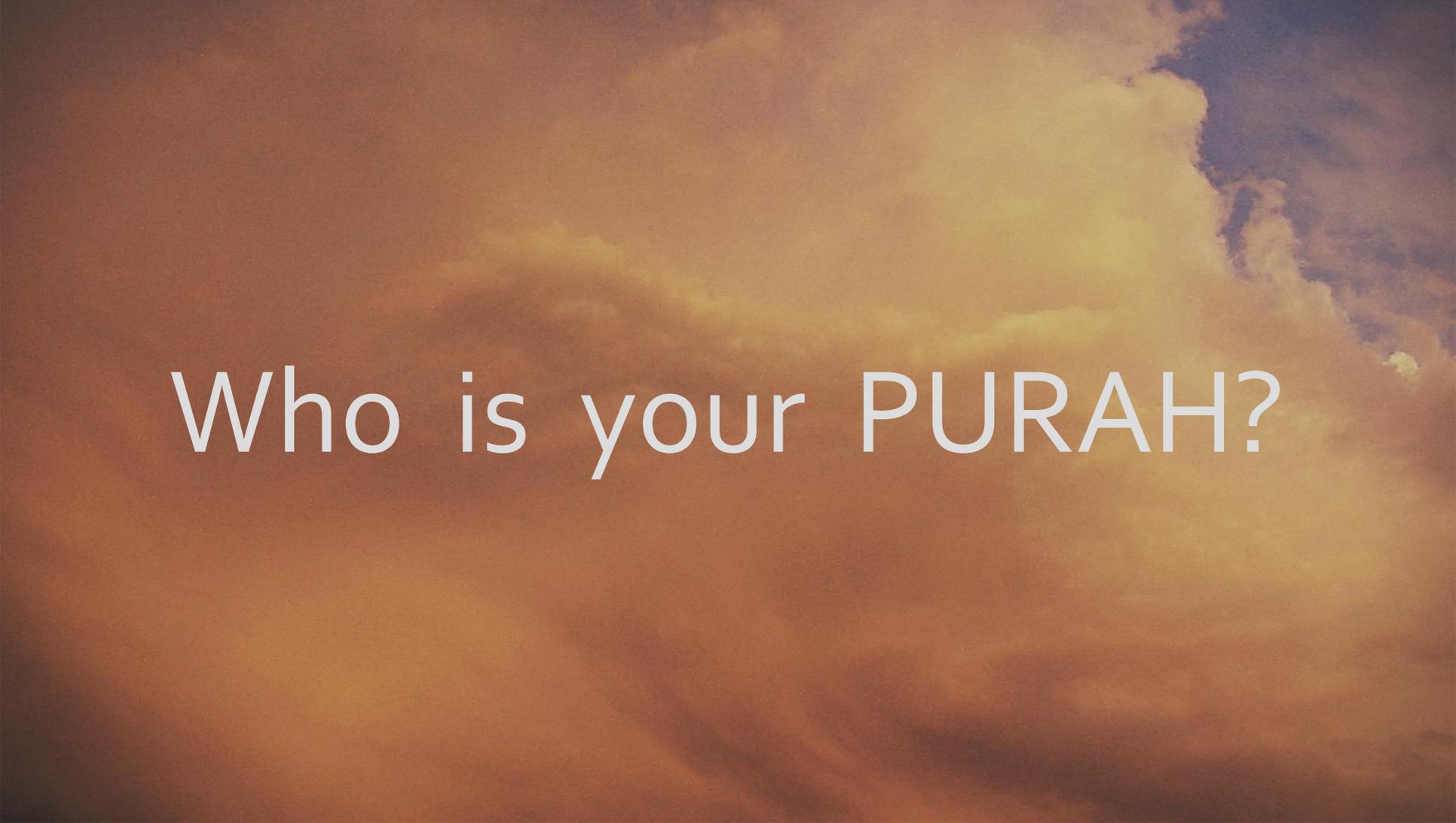
Judges 7:10-11

A dramatic sky with a large, bright, golden-yellow cloud formation against a dark blue background. The cloud is the central focus, with a bright, glowing core that fades into a softer yellow and then into a deep orange and red as it spreads out. The background is a dark, deep blue, suggesting a clear sky or a night sky. The overall mood is one of awe and wonder.

Who is your PURAH?

Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
²⁸ God has chosen what is insignificant and despised in the world, what is viewed as nothing, to bring to nothing what is viewed as something,
²⁹ so that no one can boast in His presence.

I Corinthians 1:27-29

A dramatic sky with a large, bright, golden-yellow cloud formation against a dark blue background. The cloud is the central focus, with a bright, glowing core and a soft, hazy edge. The surrounding sky is a deep, dark blue, with some lighter blue and white clouds visible in the upper right corner. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

Who is your PURAH?