

Sermon Notes May 18

“Rescue Mission: God Meets Us in Our Doubt” (Judges 6:14)

"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 (NIV)

God's calling often comes when we feel least ready for it. For Gideon, it was while he was hiding, uncertain, and full of questions. His story speaks directly into three kinds of doubt many of us wrestle with:

We Doubt Our Significance and Impact

“But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest...” (Judges 6:15)

We sometimes think that to be used by God, we need to have influence, strength, or status. But God's words to Israel in Deuteronomy 7:7–8 remind us that He doesn't choose us because we're great. He chooses us because He loves us. Your impact isn't defined by your platform — it's defined by your obedience.

We Doubt We Are Capable

Even when we believe God is calling us, we struggle to see how we could ever succeed. “What dreams would you pursue,” the preacher asked, “if you had full confidence you could do it?”

The truth is, you're not called to do it alone. God promises, “I will be with you” (Judges 6:16). His presence turns insecurity into courage.

We Are Weary From Being Disappointed

“If the Lord is with us,” Gideon said, “why has all this happened to us?” (Judges 6:13)

Sometimes the deepest doubts aren't about ability but about hope. We've been let down. We've had people walk away. We've gotten excited only to end up heartbroken. Disappointment wears on our faith. But in that pain, God still speaks gently to us: “Go in the strength you have” — even if that strength feels like just a whisper.

Application

1. Identify your doubt — Is it about your worth, your ability, or your past wounds?
2. Ask this question honestly: What would I pursue if I fully believed God was with me?
3. Take one small step today in obedience — even if it's trembling. God meets you in motion.

Prayer

God, You know the doubts I carry — about myself, my future, and even about You. But thank You for seeing more in me than I see. Thank You for calling me, not because I am great, but because You are good. Heal my wounds, restore my hope, and strengthen me to walk in obedience. Even if my faith is small, help me go in the strength I have, trusting that You are with me. Amen.