



# DISCOVERING MY IDENTITY (Series)

## 1. My Self Image

## 2. My Values

## 3. My Strenght

Judges 6:11–16 — Summary (NLT) - The angel of the Lord appears to Gideon while he is hiding in fear. God calls him a “mighty warrior,” even though Gideon sees himself as weak and insignificant. Gideon questions how God could use him, pointing to his family background and personal limitations. God responds by assuring Gideon that His presence—not Gideon’s strength—will bring victory.

### God speaks identity before ability.

Gideon was threshing wheat in hiding, not because he was weak, but because fear had taught him to shrink. Yet **heaven did not speak to him according to his location - but heaven spoke to him according to his destination.**

While Gideon saw himself as the least, God called him mighty. This reveals how God sees us:

**God never names you by your condition; He names you by your calling.** *Romans 4:17 (NKJV)* “God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”

The Lord did not remove the battle before speaking identity. He spoke identity in the middle of fear. Because when God says, “**I will be with you,**” **He is not giving encouragement - He is releasing authorization.** Gideon’s strength was not in his hands; it was in God’s presence resting on his life. The moment God said, “I will be with you,” weakness lost its power to define him.

Let me tell you something today:

- You may be hiding, but heaven has located you
- You may feel small, but God has already enlarged your name
- You may see lack, but God sees leadership
- You may feel unqualified, but God has already commissioned you

*Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)* - “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...” / “I will be with you.” (*Judges 6:16*)

## Where does my strength really come from - and what weakens it?

Gideon's story reminds us that God calls us mighty before we feel strong, yet Samson's life warns us what happens when identity is neglected. In Judges 16:1–22, Samson carried great power but lacked discipline; he understood his gift but never fully embraced his identity. His true downfall was not Delilah — it was unguarded intimacy. The tragedy is revealed in Judges 16:20 (NKJV): “But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.” This is a prophetic warning to our generation: strength without intimacy leads to blindness, and anointing without discipline eventually becomes vulnerability. **When identity is not protected, even the strongest can fall without realizing heaven has grown silent.**

Samson's secret - Judges 16:1-22. The key verse is “Judges 16:20 (NKJV) - **“But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him.”**

- Samson had power, but lacked discipline
- He knew his gift, but not his identity
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## From Calling to Responsibility

In Matthew 25:14–30 Jesus tells a parable about a master who entrusts his servants with different amounts of money before leaving on a journey. Two servants invest what they are given and multiply it, while one hides his portion out of fear. When the master returns, he rewards the faithful servants and rebukes the one who did nothing. The story teaches that God expects faithfulness, growth, and responsibility with what He entrusts to us, and that fear and inactivity can cause us to miss our purpose. **And What we should know is that:**

### 1. God Entrusts Purpose, Not Possession

Matthew 25:14–15 (NKJV) - “To each according to his own ability.”

God gives gifts, opportunities, and influence intentionally - not equally, but wisely. What we receive is not ownership; it is stewardship. 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NKJV) - “What do you have that you did not receive?”

**Truth is that: Your strength is entrusted, not owned.**

## 2. Faithfulness Defines Identity, Not Comparison

Matthew 25:21 (NKJV) - “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

The master did not compare servants - He rewarded faithfulness. God measures obedience, not size or visibility of results. Galatians 6:4 (NKJV) “Let each one examine his own work.”

**Truth is that: Identity is established through faithfulness, not competition.**

## 3. Fear Paralyzes Purpose, Action Reveals Identity

Matthew 25:25 (NKJV)- “I was afraid, and went and hid your talent.”

Fear causes withdrawal, delay, and disconnection from calling. Those who acted revealed trust; the one who hid revealed insecurity. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) “God has not given us a spirit of fear...” **Truth is that: What you do with what God gave you reveals who you believe you are.**

## In Conclusion

There is a prophetic call to awaken what has been buried. **God is not asking how much you were given - He is asking what you did with what He entrusted to you.** In this season, the Lord is confronting fear, breaking comparison, and calling His people back to faithful obedience.

- What was hidden must rise.
- What was delayed must move.
- **What was silenced by fear must speak again.**
- Your identity is not revealed in what you protect, but in what you release. And as you step forward in obedience, heaven responds — because when faithfulness moves, increase follows, and when identity aligns, strength is restored.

**Prayer Point: Heavenly Father, my strength is not in what I can do, but in who I belong to. I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”**