

Message Notes for 6-28-20
How Big Is Your God?
Judges 6-7

- The way we live is a consequence of the _____

- When human being “shrink” God, they offer prayer without _____; worship without _____; service without _____; suffer without _____, and the result is a life stagnation and _____, a loss of _____, an inability to _____ and _____ through.
- God is _____

Judges 6:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹ *The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.*

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

¹³ *"But sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."*

- Gideon was living with a _____, distant, not very _____, not very _____ God.
- a world without _____ or _____, for things cannot really change.

Judges 6:14-15 (NIV) 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?"*

¹⁵ *"But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."*

- What Gideon is using as an excuse for not doing anything is really what makes him so _____ to the kingdom of God.
- What is unthinkable on my own becomes _____ when it's God and me.

Judges 6:27

So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the Lord told him. But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime.

Judges 6:31

But Joash replied to the hostile crowd around him, "Are you going to plead Baal's cause? Are you trying to save him? Whoever fights for him shall be put to death by morning! If Baal really is a god, he can defend himself when someone breaks down his altar."

- Gideon _____ test #1- He _____ what God told him to do. . .

Judges 6:36-37

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised-- [37] look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."

Judges 7:5-6

So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a

dog from those who kneel down to drink." [6] Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

- The whole point of winnowing the troops down was so that it would be clear that the victory had been won by

- He is _____
_____ than your problems.

_____ than your failures,

_____ than your regrets

_____ than your sin and guilt

I will be as _____ in your life

as you will _____!