

## *“Called to Be Used by God”*

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### **Judges 6:1-17** (*New American Standard*)

**1** Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian seven years. **2** And the power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. **3** For it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites would come up with the Amalekites and the sons of the east and go against them. **4** So they would camp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel as well as no sheep, ox, or donkey. **5** For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, they would come in like locusts for number, both they and their camels were innumerable; and they came into the land to devastate it. **6** So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the Lord.

**7** Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the Lord on account of Midian, **8** that the Lord sent a prophet to the sons of Israel, and he said to them, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'It was I who brought you up from Egypt, and brought you out from the house of slavery. **9** 'And I delivered you from the hands of the Egyptians and from the hands of all your oppressors, and dispossessed them before you and gave you their land, **10** and I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed Me.'"

**11** Then the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites. **12** And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior." **13** Then Gideon said to him, "O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian." **14** And the Lord looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?" **15** And he said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house." **16** But the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

### **LIFE TRUTHS FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:**

- I.** When overwhelmed by circumstances beyond their control, God's people should \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (*vv. 1-6*)
  
- II.** When facing hardship, God's people should ask, "Is this a result of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?" (*vv. 7-10*)
  
- III.** God often delivers His people through those He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for the task. (*vv. 11-14*)
  
- IV.** In being used by God, all that is important is His \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_. (*vv. 15-16*)