

THEMES

Destiny

Divine Instructions

Perseverance

Who Sent You?

> I was reading Judges 6, and more specifically verses 1 to 24, which tell the story of Gideon and his clan, from the tribe of Manasseh.

01 A People at the End of Their Strength

Here we find a people terrorized and traumatized by the Midianites, reduced to extreme poverty. Gideon is threshing wheat to hide it from the enemy when the angel of the Lord appears to him and says: “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” Gideon answers by asking how all these tragedies can be happening to them if God is with them...

02 The Verse That Struck Me

In this reading, it was verse 14 that struck me:

> *"Then the Lord turned to him and said: Go with the strength you have, and deliver Israel from the Midianites. Is it not I who am sending you?"*
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> JUDGES 6:14 · BDS, TRANSLATED

We often think we are too small, not skilled enough, without enough money. We have a project at heart, an idea, but we tell ourselves we don't have enough resources. This passage shows us that what truly matters is who sends us. God tells Gideon to go with what he has, even if it seems little, because He is the one sending him. And as long as He is the one who sends, all will be well.

03 What Really Matters

What matters, then, is making sure in everything that we are following God's plan, or at least that we are not stepping outside of it. Because sometimes, in the moment, we won't have complete conviction that we are in His will. But if we sense that God is sending us toward a field, or prompting us to take an action, then let's go, because:

Our limited capacity + God's almighty power = **guaranteed success**

04 Three Steps to Remember

1. **God sends you**: you feel a calling deep inside you to do something.
2. **You go with the strength you have**, however small, and with the few resources at your disposal.
3. **God, through inexplicable arrangements, increases your abilities and your resources** to accompany you in this mission.

05 "And Yet"...

We see the same phenomenon in Luke 5:1-11. Simon Peter, James and John had had a fruitless night of fishing despite all their efforts, and yet... ***Say it with me: "and yet"...*** At the sound of the Master's voice, everything changed. When Jesus sent them, the results were inexplicable.

06 The Question to Ask Ourselves

So from now on, let's make a habit of asking ourselves this question in our projects, our activities and our businesses: **who is sending me?** Is it the fruit of my ego and my personal ambitions, or is it truly God who is sending me?

We're in this together, as always.

Hold on, above all, because your story is only just beginning...

With all my affection and encouragement,

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