

SERMON OUTLINE

GOD'S PRESENCE AS MAN'S ASSURANCE

JUDGES 6:1-40 | REV. HIZON CUA

Judges 6 introduces us to Gideon, a hesitant and insecure man called by God to rescue Israel. After seven years of Midianite oppression, the people finally cried out, and God responded—first with a prophetic rebuke for their disobedience, then with reassurance through His presence. This section shows that despite Gideon's doubts, God patiently assured him that His presence would enable him to face overwhelming tasks.

God used the Midianites to discipline Israel for unfaithfulness. Their idolatry turned their promised land into hiding places and barren fields. The Midianites and other eastern tribes swarmed in like locusts, ruining every harvest. Israel's physical poverty mirrored their spiritual poverty: they became small and helpless because they forgot the covenant. (Judges 6:1-6)

Before raising a deliverer, God sent a prophet to remind them of

His past redemption from Egypt and His demand for loyalty. But they did not listen. This rebuke highlights that divine rescue is pure grace—Israel had not truly repented; they only cried out in pain. (Judges 6:7-10)

The Angel of the LORD found Gideon hiding while threshing wheat in secret. God called him "mighty warrior," not for his bravery but because of His plan. Gideon questioned God's presence amid suffering. Yet God promised, "I will be with you." Though Gideon sought a sign out of doubt, God's fire and word brought him peace. (Judges 6:11-24)

Before Gideon could battle Midian, he had to tear down Baal's altar at home. God demanded exclusive worship. Gideon obeyed at night, afraid but obedient. His private faith became public courage, and his father defended him, renaming him Jerubbaal—"Let Baal contend." (Judges 6:25-32)

When the enemy gathered, Gideon's courage came as the Spirit clothed him. Still, he asked for signs with the fleece. Patiently, God answered both times. True assurance was not in the sign but in the Spirit. (Judges 6:33-40)

This chapter reveals a God who doesn't abandon His people despite failure. He calls the weak, affirms the hesitant and strengthens the fearful with His presence.

Sermon Focus: God's assurance may not remove fear, but it lifts us above it. His presence is enough. Like Gideon, we may feel unqualified, but clothed by His Spirit, we become courageous. Let His peace move you to bold obedience. God is with you—this is your assurance.✱

EACH ONE, DISCIPLE ONE: A LIFETIME PURSUIT

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In the past weeks, the Lord has given us a fresh glimpse of His goodness and glory as His Word calls us to the work of evangelism. We received 86 new members and by His grace baptized 48 of new believers. From the pulpit, we've been reminded that God's deep desire is for all people to be saved. We have always been exhorted to strengthen our stakes—deepening our faith and convictions—because this is the foundation of our life and ministry. This is what we need as a church: to walk in our God-given calling as His children, the salt and light of the world, committed to the **lifetime pursuit** of making disciples.

While we may feel excited and ready to share the gospel in our homes, workplaces, and communities, let us never forget: **"Each One, Disciple One"** is not a slogan. It is a lifetime calling. Evangelism is not an event, it's a way of life. The more we share the gospel, the more we grow in our passion to obey God and love people. Evangelism builds spiritual momentum—it opens more doors, multiplies opportunities, and deepens our joy. What an amazing privilege to be part of God's work!

As followers of Jesus Christ, we carry this pursuit with three foundational truths: **we have a mandate, a motivation, and the power.**

1. We Have a Mandate

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And

behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."— Matthew 28:19-20

The Great Commission is not a suggestion—it's a command from the King. Every believer is called to participate in this mission. The task is global, too large for one person, and too important to treat lightly. It is the life purpose of the church—and of every Christian.

This call is not optional. It is a divine assignment that spans our entire lifetime. As a church, we must ask: **How are we responding to this mandate? And personally: Am I doing my part? Am I committed to making disciples with the time God has given me?**

2. We Have a Motivation

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son... that the world might be saved through Him." John 3:16-17

The love of God, fully revealed in Jesus Christ, is our deepest motivation. Evangelism is fueled by love—the same love that sent Christ to the cross. This was Paul's testimony: *"The love of Christ compels us."* 2 Corinthians 5:14

It's easy to become discouraged when people ignore our invitations, when no one replies to our messages, or when a well-planned evangelistic event seems fruitless. But take heart—**we are called to be faithful, not to produce results.** The results belong to God. Our task is to declare the Good News with love, urgency, and faith.

The love of Christ is enough. It is our reason, our anchor, and our strength.

3. We Have the Power

"But when the Helper comes... the Spirit of truth... He will bear witness about Me. And you also will bear witness..." John 15:26-27

Jesus prepared His disciples for opposition and hardship. But He also promised the Holy Spirit—our divine Helper. Today, we live in the fulfillment of that promise. The Holy Spirit empowers, teaches, convicts, and enables us to boldly bear witness to Christ.

We are never alone in this mission. The Spirit goes before us, works in hearts, and brings the increase. He gives us wisdom, courage, and strength. He opens eyes, softens hearts, and brings transformation that no human persuasion ever could.

Each One, Disciple One is not just a campaign—it's our calling. It's a lifetime pursuit of proclaiming one Name: the Name of Jesus. This journey is anchored in the Great Commission, compelled by the love of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and bathed in prayer.

As we dedicate this week to prayer, let us recommit ourselves to this holy calling—praying for our own hearts, and for the lives God will entrust to us, as we faithfully go and make disciples.

To God be the glory! ✱

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