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# Scripture Reading Message ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY: In My Thinking

## Judg 6:6-16 (NASB)

- <sup>6</sup> So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Now it came about when the sons of Israel cried to the LORD on account of Midian,
- <sup>8</sup> 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.
- <sup>9</sup> '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,
- <sup>10</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> 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?"
- <sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat Midian as one man."

### **Judg 6:6-16 (NIV)**

- 6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.
- <sup>7</sup> When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian,
- <sup>8</sup> he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.
- <sup>9</sup> I snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from before you and gave you their land.
- <sup>10</sup> I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me."
- <sup>11</sup> 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.
- <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."
- <sup>13</sup> "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."
- <sup>14</sup> 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?"
- <sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."
- <sup>16</sup> The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

# Judg 6:6-16 (NLT)

- <sup>6</sup> So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.
- <sup>7</sup> When they cried out to the LORD because of Midian,
- 8 the LORD sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt.
- <sup>9</sup> I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land.
- <sup>10</sup> I told you, 'I am the LORD your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me."
- 11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.
- <sup>12</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"
- <sup>13</sup> "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."
- <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"
- <sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"
- <sup>16</sup> The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

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#### Rom 12:3-8

³ For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *let each exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

#### John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

#### **Rom 1:7**

7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Matt 5:13-14

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

#### 2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

#### Rom 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Rom 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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