



One Big Story - Week 1
“The Reluctant Hero”
Judges 6, 7 (selected verses)
God doesn’t call the qualified,
God qualifies the called.



SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day and Chase The Lion
By Mark Batterson

The Ragamuffin Gospel
Brennan Manning

The Broken Way
Ann Voskamp

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The daily devotionals will be posted on Pastor Leon’s blog, linked on his Tumblr account, the church’s Facebook Page and Twitter.

THE BIBLE IS GOD’S ONE BIG STORY OF GOD’S LOVE FOR PEOPLE WHO DON’T ALWAYS FEEL LIKE THEY DESERVE GOD’S LOVE?

**THIS SERIES IS GOING TO TEACH US ONE VERY IMPORTANT THING:
GOD LOVES YOU NO MATTER WHAT.**

TODAY WE’RE GOING TO BE HEARING THE STORY OF GIDEON, A RELUCTANT HERO...

GOD DOESN’T CALL THE QUALIFIED. GOD QUALIFIES THE CALLED.

JUDGES 6, 7

- PEOPLE DID “EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD...” SEVEN YEARS OF MIDIANITES
- MIDIANITES WERE A FEARSOME PEOPLE, RAIDING PARTIES, INSTILLING FEAR
- GOD SENDS THEM A PROPHET TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR STORY
- AND THEN GOD TAPS GIDEON, A FEARFUL FELLOW WHO IS IN HIDING
- GIDEON TRIES TO BEG OFF OF HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT—GOD RESPONDS WITH: “GO IN THE STRENGTH THAT YOU HAVE!”
- THEN GIDEON TESTS GOD WITH FLEECES, AND GOD IS PATIENT—LESSON THERE.
- HE STARTS OFF WITH 32K TROOPS; 4-1 ODDS, BUT THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR GOD.
- 22K GO HOME BECAUSE THEY’RE SCARED; 13-1 ODDS, BUT THAT WAS TOO MUCH
- THEY GO TO THE SPRING OF HAROD FOR ANOTHER TEST—ONLY 300 PASSED
- NOW THEY ARE AT 450-1 ODDS, WHICH IS MORE TO GOD’S LIKING.
- THEY ARE ARMED WITH TORCHES AND POTS, AND SURPRISE THE MIDIANITES.

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LISTEN—THE CULTURE WE LIVE IN IS CHALLENGING....

MAYBE YOU FEEL YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFICULT...

LIKE RAISE YOUR KIDS RIGHT... WORK ON YOUR MARRIAGE...

HAVE INTEGRITY AT YOUR JOB... SHARE YOUR FAITH... GO ON A MISSION TRIP...

LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS.... RE-DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO FOLLOWING JESUS...

GOD DOESN’T CARE ABOUT YOUR QUALIFICATIONS—GOD SEEMS TO PREFER WHEN YOU HAVE NONE. “GO IN THE STRENGTH THAT YOU HAVE...”.

KATIE DAVIS—AND THE FOURTEEN KIDS SHE ADOPTED BEFORE SHE WAS 21

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