NO SUBSTITUTES

Personal Surrender
Supernatural Power
Community Impact

JUDGES 6-7

We love the victory.

But what happened
before Gideon's victory?

JUDGES 6-7

Don’t settle for less than God has for you when others are depending on what God wants to do through you.

SCRIPTURE

Judges 6:11–18

OPPRESSION

To press.
To squeeze.
To afflict.
To place under severe pressure.

Is this where God wanted them?

God’s people were living under oppression.

Are we living beneath what God intends?

What God wants to do around you begins with what you allow Him to do in you.

“Blessed is that word ‘free’ and blessed is he who spends himself to make men so.”

— Charles Spurgeon, The Great Liberator

Why did the idols matter?

Something else had taken the place that belonged to God.

HEART ASSESSMENT

What occupies my thoughts most when my time is free?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What am I most afraid of losing?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What makes me feel valuable, successful, or important?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What situation do I struggle most to surrender to God?

HEART ASSESSMENT

Is there something I know God wants me to do, but I refuse because of what it might cost?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What consistently produces disproportionate anger, anxiety, jealousy, or defensiveness when I feel threatened?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What do I turn to first for comfort, escape, or fulfillment instead of God?

HEART ASSESSMENT

What regularly receives my best time, energy, and resources at the expense of my relationship with God?

HEART ASSESSMENT

Whose acceptance or opinion has the greatest influence over my decisions?

HEART ASSESSMENT

If God asked me to give something up today, what would be hardest to place on the altar?

What is God telling you to tear down?

“Christian courage is the willingness to say and do the right thing regardless of the earthly cost.”

— John Piper



Identity is the God-given understanding of who we are, whose we are, and what we were created and called to do.

“Mighty man of valor”

Gideon saw the least of the least.
God called out what He would accomplish through him.

“The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you…”

When we refuse substitutes, we become available for God's solution.

Your surrender is bigger than you.