

When Questions and Doubts Arise

Judges 6:11-24

1. Intro

1. Illustration about not selling our property as we stepped into ministry.
2. Thesis
 1. Questions and doubts often arise when we are called to do something outside of our comfort zone.

2. Israel

1. Israel did evil (Judges 6:1)
 1. Everyone did what was right in their own eyes (17:6; 21:25)
 2. Because of this the Lord let the Midianites overrun their country

3. Gideon's Journey Begins

1. Angel approaches Gideon and tells him that the Lord is with him (12)
2. Gideon questions (13)
 1. If He is here then where are His miracles
 1. I've heard of the things He did in Egypt
 2. Do we ever question - Like God where are you?
 3. Gideon had doubt
 1. Gideon was most likely just surviving
 2. He was disillusioned by what he saw around him.
 4. Are we in survival mode?
 1. Are we disillusioned
 2. Are we hanging on by the so called "skin of our teeth"?
3. Lord calls Gideon to deliver Israel (14)
 1. Now doubt really comes upon him
 1. Our family is the least of the tribe of Manasseh
 2. I am the youngest of the family
 3. I couldn't possible do what you ask.
 2. How often do we feel the same way
 1. God could use someone else but not me
 2. What makes you so special that God cannot use you?
4. The offer comes again. (16)
 1. I will be with you - why do you doubt - why do I need to repeat myself.
 1. What part of GO do you not understand?
 2. How many times do we need to be affirmed by God?
 3. How many time do we need to hear, I will be with you.
 4. What part of GO do you not understand?

4. Living By . . .?

1. A sign
 1. Gideon did not believe who he was speaking to. He required a sign (18)
 1. A miracle was given to him(21)
 2. How often do we want a sign before moving ahead?
 1. Just show me one Lord and I'll do what you want.

2. We are to live by faith not by sight (II Cor 5:7)
 1. We are afraid to take a step for fear of:
 1. Failure
 1. What was going through Gideon's mind
 2. What others may think
 1. Gideon's first act was done at night
 3. Do we stop and consider what God thinks.?

5. On Board

1. Gideon finally got on board (22)
 1. He finally believed what God had said
 2. Was now willing, but did not know how at this point
2. We need to get on board; to be willing
 1. Once we agree "Lord here I am", He will begin the process of how.

6. Conclusion

1. Gideon had doubts
2. Gideon had to be convinced that he could be used of God
 1. I am the weakest and youngest
3. I have doubts, you have doubts
 1. In our weakness God use us.