

DARE TO LEAD **“The Doubting Leader”**

¹ Again the Israelites **did evil in the eyes of the LORD**, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. **Judges 6:1 (NIV)**

⁷ When the Israelites cried to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.**” **Judges 6:7-10 (NIV)**

“My way is the best way.”

¹¹ 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. ¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, **“The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”** ¹³ “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.” ¹⁴ 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?” ¹⁵ “But Lord” Gideon asked, **“how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”** **Judges 6:11-15 (NIV)**

“You are mightier than you know.”

¹⁶ The LORD answered, **“I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.”** **Judges 6:16 (NIV)**

“I am with you.”

² The LORD said to Gideon, “You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. **In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her,**³ announce now to the people, ‘Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.’”

Judges 7:2-3 (NIV)

“I will do it.”

WITH GOD ALMIGHTY YOU ARE MIGHTIER THAN YOU KNOW.

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,**¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, **to grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,¹⁹ **and to know this love** that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)**

²⁰ Now to him who is able to **do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,**²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)**