



DAY 1 JUDGES 6:15-16

1

You're asking the impossible! Maybe that's how Gideon felt when the Lord commissioned him to save Israel from the Midianites. Maybe Gideon's argument went something like this, "But Lord, the Midianites have been stealing our food and controlling us for many years. I'm not even a leader in Israel. No one will listen to me." However, God seemed to have total confidence in this fearful man hiding in a wine vat. He reminded Gideon that He would be with him and Gideon would indeed strike down the Midianites. God had more confidence in Gideon than Gideon had in himself. The Lord didn't need a big name to get the job done, just someone willing to trust Him and obey. God led him one step at a time to win the battle. Is God calling you to the frontlines? If He calls you, He will give you what you need to win. He says you have what it takes.

DAY 2 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10

2

At age seventeen, Joni Eareckson's life changed forever when she became a quadriplegic after a diving accident. She could have chosen to be bitter. She could have focused on what she couldn't do. She could have listened to the voice in her head that told her "You don't have what it takes." But she didn't. She chose to believe that she had a God-given destiny. She chose to believe that God's strength could manifest in the midst of her weaknesses. Though unable to take a single footstep, she built a worldwide ministry, one step at a time. She has encouraged countless people, with and without disabilities. Is a difficulty telling you that you can't make it? Remember what the Lord told the apostle Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you."

DAY 3 2 TIMOTHY 1:7-8

3

The apostle Paul knew that his protégé, Timothy, would face many obstacles as a young pastor. He encouraged him that God had not given him a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound, disciplined mind. The power of God would be with him. When Joshua stepped into the shoes of Moses and took the Israelites into the Promised Land, God told him to be strong and courageous and do not fear. Why? Because God would be with him. When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary she would birth the long-awaited Messiah, the angel told her not to be afraid, because with God, nothing shall be impossible. When fear entraps us, God gently reminds us that we do not need to be afraid. Why don't we need to fear? Because God has what it takes to get the job done.

DAY 2 PETER 1:3-4

4

Has anyone ever promised you something and then gone back on his or her word? I think we all have experienced that. The problem is that we are human, and as humans we can fail to follow through on what we have said. Thankfully, God became a human, and Jesus never failed to do what He promised. God has not left us alone to struggle through our problems. Through His power, we can lead a godly life. The Bible literally has thousands of promises for us that will empower us to become more like Jesus, Who never broke a promise.

DAY EPHESIANS 1:18-19

5

In Ephesians chapter one, Paul prays for the saints. He thanks God for them and asks the Lord to give them what they need to follow in Jesus' footsteps. Paul had persecuted Christians before his conversion to Christianity. Perhaps he wrestled with guilt. Perhaps he heard that voice in the back of his head saying, "You don't have what it takes." Maybe this prayer in Ephesians was based on what Paul found he needed from God, a heart enlightened to know the hope to which God had called him, not only in heaven but here on earth. As a Christian, he was able to endure persecution and hardship for the gospel's sake because of that hope. God wants to show us what our hope in Him looks like. Let the words Paul prayed for the saints of old season the prayers we pray for ourselves today.

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