



# APPNOTES

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**Judges 6:15-16** Sometimes it's tough to take a compliment. When someone tells you how great you are, do you respond that you're not so great? That's what Gideon did. He was hiding in a winepress threshing wheat so his enemies couldn't steal it when an angel of the Lord stopped by. In verse twelve the angel calls him a mighty warrior and says God has called him to save Israel. Gideon responds in verse fifteen by refuting God's messenger and telling him exactly how unqualified he is. God gave Gideon an assignment he couldn't wrap his head around. "Sorry, God, but I don't have the goods. I don't have the leadership qualities you're looking for." What was God's response? "I will be with you." When God calls you to do something for Him, He will be with you. What's too big for you is not too big for God.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-27** A Sunday school teacher desired to win a certain student to Christ. He arranged to meet him at the shoe store where he worked. This teacher almost didn't go in because he was afraid of embarrassing the boy. Entering the store, the teacher made what he thought was a weak case for Christ. In his words, "I simply told him of Christ's love for him and the love Christ wanted in return." That student received Jesus that day and became a famous evangelist. His name was Billy Sunday. This Sunday school teacher felt little qualified to share his heart, and could never have guessed the impact his obedience had on this man who would later influence a nation. Paul stated in 1 Corinthians that God did not call you because you were wise or noble. God calls us in our weakness. With His strength, we can do exploits for Him.

**1 Samuel 17:42-43** When David confronted Goliath, he didn't see a giant. He saw a Philistine enemy who didn't measure up to the power of God. He didn't see Goliath's sword that was twice the size of a normal man's. He saw the strength inherent in the sword of the Lord—God's Word that promises to deliver. He didn't listen to Goliath's threats to kill him. Rather, he heard the faith in his spirit and spoke forth what he believed—that he would cut off the giant's head. David saw beyond his circumstances into the heart of God. He knew the battle was the Lord's. When we look at our

situations, victory may seem impossible, but if we focus on the Lord and His promises, He will guide us to success.

**Luke 1:46-48** When the nurses at the hospital sent us home with our first baby, my first reaction was panic. I knew nothing about caring for an infant. I learned quickly and raised four more. Jesus came into the world as a weak, humble and helpless infant. The Father asked a teenage girl to bear this child, knowing she and her husband-to-be would take good care of Him. It's amazing how much God places confidence in us. Just as God entrusted a young girl with the Savior of the world, He has faith that we can carry the message of Jesus to a dying world. Don't let fear of the unknown, or concern that you can't do the job keep you from doing what God has asked you to do. If He asked you to do it He believes you can fulfill it.

Acts 4:13-14 Peter and John were fishermen. They spent their days mending nets, casting for fish and gutting and cleaning them. Despite the fact they performed a smelly, dirty and backbreaking job, Jesus chose these men to be His disciples. They weren't educated or well dressed, like the rabbis. It's doubtful they learned etiquette or good table manners. Having dirt under their fingernails didn't disqualify them from serving in God's kingdom. They had only one qualification to their credit: they had been with Jesus and being with Jesus had changed them. Do you have a testimony about how God has changed your life? Being with Jesus is the only qualification you need.

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