

I Don't Think I'm Ready For This

3 things to be reminded about God when you're faced with a situation you don't believe you're ready for:

1. God calls according to your potential

Judges 6:11-12 NIV

[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. "

- God is not looking for perfection He's looking for potential. He's perfectly ok with the space between where you are today and where you'll end up.

Judges 6:13 NIV

[13] "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

Judges 6:14 NIV

[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?"

2. God prepares you along the way (The Ordinary)

Judges 6:15-16 NIV

[15] "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family. " [16] The Lord answered, "I will be with you , and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

3. God is patient with you.

Isaiah 40:28 NIV

[28] Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Judges 6:17-18 NIV

[17] Gedeon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. [18] Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the Lord said, "I will wait until you return."

Judges 6:23-24 NIV

[23] But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." [24] So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.