

Feelings Of Inadequacy

Altar Ego #1

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Altar: the place where you make a sacrifice—lay down something before God.

Ego: what we believe (think) about ourselves.

Why Do We Feel Inadequate?

- Unfair C_____.
- Unrealistic C_____.
- Unwise C_____.

 - Highlight reel vs. Behind-the-scenes

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

"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."

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?"

"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."

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

Judges 6:11-16

3 Things You Need To Know About You

1) God's View Of You Is Different Than

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

Judges 6:12

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Eph 2:10 NLT

2) God Has Already Given You More Than

"Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:14

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

3) It's Less About You Than

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

Judges 6:16

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 NLT

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*