

I've Got A Feeling, Everything Is Gonna Be Alright

- Welcome Everyone
- Graduates - Caleb - JR - Aliyah - Gavin - Aidan - Riley
- LG Sign Up Sunday - don't make me call you - guest hassle free guarantee - members, hassle guarantee
- Next Week is Father's Day
- Today is also Pentecost Sunday
- Honor Pastor and Vivian
- Let's turn in our Bibles - Judges 6 - unique place today - wrapping up our Wednesday series talking about Gathering and groups but intersecting it with our Spirit-filled life especially for Pentecost Sunday
- 6 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. 2 Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. 3 Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. 4 They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. 5 They came up with

their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. 6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.

- 12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."
- 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."
- 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?"
- Title
- Song - careful now
- Find a neighbor and tell them - I got a feeling - it's going to work out for you - be seated if standing
- Let's talk cars.
- I know when you look at me, I'm sure your first thought is mechanic - and you'd be right. I know where the gasoline goes, and with a little

research on youtube can figure out where the windshield washer fluid belongs.

- Last week, we get home from a trip, and Ali was going to the store - 2 flat tires - that's a lot of flats - 50% of your tires - I got it - she said I think you should call someone - anyone.
- Here's the problem - I'd just watched an instagram video of a guy building his wife a tomato garden, and I was like I'm going to change my wife's tires, and she is going to be impressed - love me more.
-Think of me more as a man - Babe, I got it.
- Do you know how to change a tire - which is not the confidence that you want - I used to drive a 1998 Chevy Lumina - boat seats, went all the way across. The driver seat broke - put a bucket behind it - had to change multiple tires.
- Jack the durango up - get the tire off, as I'm pulling it off - watched it fall forward in slow motion.
- I went and bought a man's jack - and popped that thing in the air - made it happen - what I'm saying is that if you need help working on your car - call me - I'm your guy - it's usually the carburetor.

- - Here's the real point - if I had just called John Beaver - cause let's be honest - that's who we were both thinking should be doing this - I would've saved myself a lot of trouble and heartache.
- - It was a bigger situation than I was prepared for - I knew how to change the tire on a little Lumina - but this big Durango was a bit more than I was prepared for.
- And once the car fell, she was like let's call John and I was too embarrassed to call John - I needed to fix it myself first and then I'll tell everyone my story - but I can't be the guy who can't change a tire. Again - I changed it so stop judging me.
- Don't you find it ironic that it's when we need help the most that we isolate ourselves more - expound
- - Spirit Filled Life - Acts 2:42-47
 - 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their

homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47
praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the
Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- - A Spirit Filled Life Is One That Is Done With Other People -
- I don't believe that it is possible to be someone who has a life that is overflowing with the Spirit - that is led by His Spirit, and also be someone who just is isolated and alone.
- There was incredible outpouring of God's Spirit in this Scripture and you know what they didn't say - is that was awesome, see you next Sunday and let's do it again.
- Because this - spread arms - is good - this is awesome.
- The big church gathering of us being together is vital.
- But this moment - clasp hands - is also just as important -
 - This is me getting to sit in the back of Clark and Celina's All Sport Vehicle eating Chick Fil A while grabbing the handle as Celina takes a corner at 90 MPH but I get a moment of laugh and reprieve after a tough week - This matters but so does this
- Because a Spirit-filled life makes me better and that's partially because it brings me around people who help me be better.
- Community matters.

- - The Key to Community is Consistency
- - Story of lady with stop sign - a real stop - to the point where I thought I was a police officer - you know how you stop when a cop is behind you.
- - It's hard to be in community with someone when you don't know what you're getting from them - expound
- Transition to Gideon - an incredible victory takes place.
- Recap where we are with Gideon - Midianites, Angel appears to Gideon and says I am sending you to release the oppression.
 - 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 "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."
- #1: Victory Requires Honesty
- There were a lot of routes I could have taken here.
- The lowest of the lows, but even then God can use you.

- But here is what jumped out to me - I believe Gideon had to have an honest moment where he admitted where he was - how he felt - what he was going through.
- I truly believe that if Gideon had just heard the call, and just been like - hey great - this shortcoming he felt would have flared its head at some point in time.
- And that is the same thing that happens to you and to me - If we don't have somebody with us - near us - that we can be honest with and tell them -
- Expound - people in this room - I know it because this was me - childhood trauma - work issues - a spouse or somebody you were dating said something that cut you it hurt you - it shaped you - it cut you and you have yet to be honest about it because it's harder to be honest than it is to just grit your teeth and bare it.
- Here is the thing though, when we say we exist to see ordinary people rise in Christ and live in elevated life that doesn't mean the Ordinary People part of it goes away when we experience a Spirit-filled life.
- We're still ordinary; we're just elevated. We're still ordinary with hurts and pains with things that bring us down, and if you are going to do

what God has called you to do, if you are going to be who God has called you to be, if you were going to step into what God has called you to step into, you are going to have to have somebody that you can be honest with.

- Man we love the ordinary part until it pertains to us, until we have to be the one who's ordinary, we have to be the one who has the thing.
- But I'm here to tell somebody today who's feeling on the inside very ordinary but on the outside trying to act like they don't have that side to them that our God (and these people in this room with you) can handle that truth.
- And for the sake of what we are trying to do, I am asking you, I'm begging you, I am imploring you, please find somebody that you can be honest with and say 'Man God is calling me into this. I feel like I'm supposed to be doing this but I just don't feel like I have the tools.
- I just don't feel like I have the strength. I just don't feel like I have the ability to do what is being expected of me. I've got this past that I'm struggling with.'
- Because what I want you to see is what happens when you have that moment of honesty.

- 16 The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”
- We think that honesty is going to mean rejection but God shows us that Honesty reveals confirmation.
- Expound
- Here’s the second one
 - 34 Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. 35 He sent messengers throughout Manasseh, calling them to arms, and also into Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali, so that they too went up to meet them.
- #2 - Victories Are Rarely Won Alone
- Gideon could have gone out on his own and began to try to take on groups and parts of the Midianites by himself and I believe he would have probably seen some pretty cool victories, but Gideon understood that if we are going to have a big victory, if we are going to see something supernatural, if we're going to see something great, I cannot do this on my own.
- Expound here
- This is the crux of groups - this is everything we are working for.

- I tell our leaders - we need groups to do 3 things to Connect, to Protect, and to Grow.
- But I tell them connection has to come first, because offense and defensive - growth and protection - are easier when done together.
 - **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**
 - "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
 - **Galatians 6:2**
 - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
 - You cannot carry something you are not close to
 - Carrying – Proximity - Fighting together
- Heres the third one:
 - 2 The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' 3 Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

- 4 But the LORD said to Gideon, “There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, ‘This one shall go with you,’ he shall go; but if I say, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ he shall not go.”
- 5 So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, “Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink.” 6 Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.
- 7 The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.”

■ 32,000 down to 300 - the insanity of the miracle

- #3 - Victory Requires You to Remove What Doesn't Fit
- Or who doesn't fit
- Let's talk about why your friend choices matter.
- I got a picture.
- This is what we call arrow roulette.
- To be fair - this picture is 11 years old and as you can tell, I am the beacon of physical health and fitness.

- This is a zoom in on my face when I realize how bad of an idea this is.
- I have fond memories of this picture. I think about this night and I laugh.
- I called one of my friends who was in this photo this week and said 'I think I'm going to tell the arrow roulette story' and he asked 'in what context' and i said 'that you're a bad friend.'
- I'm not a Thrills guy; I don't like risks. Roller coasters you mean death machines - sky diving - I hope you have a will.
- But you get me around a table with my friends, and then suddenly I'm waiting for an arrow to get shot in the air.
- You have to realize how quickly the people you let close can change the trajectory of your life.
- Expound
- The Bible is explicit on the importance of not only having the right people around you, but also removing the wrong people from you.
- Proverbs 12:26
 - "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."
- Proverbs 13:20

- "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."
- Proverbs 18:24
 - "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin..."
- Expound
- Because I want to show you what happens in the story right after Gideon does this.
- Gideon has Trust in what God is telling him to do since he sent home more than 31,000 soldiers leaving him with just 300 but look at this
 - Judges 7:13 Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. "I had a dream," he was saying. "A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed."
 - 14 His friend responded, "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."
 - 15 When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands."

- It matters to create space for the right people around you because it was one of these 300 who was able to say to Gideon 'I have a feeling that everything is going to be all right.'
- I know it doesn't make sense, and I know it doesn't add up, and I know it doesn't look like it right now with what we're looking at, but I have a feeling there is something that is telling me that everything is going to be all right.
- Gideon's moment of victory – the time where he says it's time to go win right here and right now - does not come from his own prayer time. He doesn't have some vision - or God telling him it's time to go - it's not even his own dream.
- Expound.
- I want to finish this story out for you
 - 16 Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.
 - 17 “Watch me,” he told them. “Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. 18 When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the Lord and for Gideon.’”

- 19 Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. 20 The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" 21 While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.
- 22 When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.
- Gideon's victory happened without him ever raising a sword.
- He never once fought a battle to overcome the Midianites.
- I want you to remember how many people it said there were - they had oppressed the Israelites with so many people that it looked like locusts.
- And the way Gideon saw victory - he got the right people around him and he was ok removing what looked important, but didn't fit God's plan.

- Expound
- And as I was reading this this week - man - I was talking with God and I told Him - I'd like to think if you asked me to do this, that I could do what Gideon did - but I don't know if I could do it.
- I mean, I have the hindsight of seeing it work out - but you put me in that position?
- 32,000 maybe - 300 I don't know
- And I asked God - how was Gideon so ok with this - it doesn't even say he asked God are you sure - because he asked God about if you're so powerful, why are we in this situation back at the beginning? If he was worried, he would have said something.
- So I asked God - how was Gideon so ok with this?
- And God directed me back to this portion of the story - often passed over because it had nothing to do with the battle.
 - Judges 6:36 Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— 37 look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said." 38 And that is what happened. Gideon rose

early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

- 39 Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.” 40 That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.
- Before Gideon ever had the army, before he had to make any decision - before he conquered the Midianites - before he did anything else - he had an encounter with God.
- 4 separate times - I read you 2, but there are 2 more - where Gideon says - what you're asking me to do - where I am headed - what I am fighting - what I want to see happen is too great - that I need to see your glory and power today.
- And I love it: we serve a God who is running and chasing after us and of course He does this in such a way that leaves no doubt in Gideon's mind. So by the time he gets to this place with this requirement - he says 'I've seen Him do it before - why should I have any doubt that he won't do something great again.'
- And here's my last point - 4 - Victory Requires an Encounter

- I'm telling you - it's much easier to say 'I've already experienced Him before - of course He can do it now' - over 'God - it's been so long - I need you now.'
- Expound
- Why I can I say I've Got a Feeling - Because I have the right people and I have an encounter with God.
- Didn't have it on my 2025 bingo card to admitted to the hospital 4 times in 5 and half months - with visits to surgeons.
- Expound