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# Lessons from Gideon pt1

**Judges 6**





**Gideon is a Mighty Example of...**

**...How God Can Take a...**


- Nobody (Inferiority Complex)
- Ran (Fear Led)
- Hid (Victim Mentality)

**And Turn Him Around...**

**...and Use Him**

**...Turn the Situation Around**



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- What Gideon Could See
    - Under Attack
    - Looked Like God was Silent
      - He Depended on Self
      - He was Hiding

*Does This Sound Familiar?*

# Inferiority Complex?

<sup>15</sup> *“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”*

- **When You Live by Fear ...**

  - ...You Will Be Led By Fear**

  - ...You Leave Others Your Fear**

**Fear Can Be Passed Down**



Where is **GOd** when you are  
**HURTING?**





# Where is God when you are Hiding?

- **What Gideon Could See**
  - Under Attack
  - Looked Like God was Silent
  - He Depended on Self
  - He Was Hiding
  
- **What Gideon Could Not See**
  - God was Not Silent !

**When Tough Times Come...**

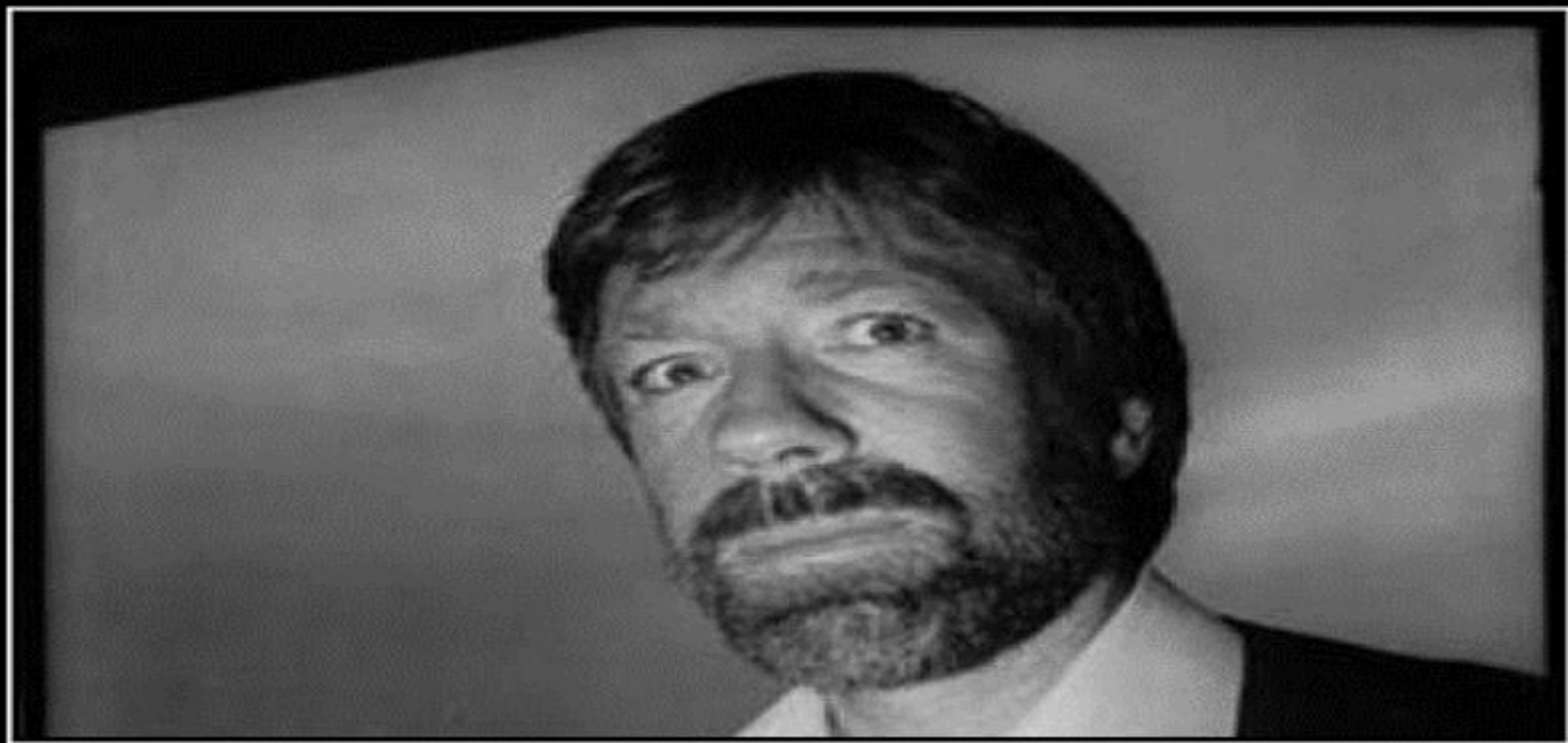
**...Instead Of Looking at Them as If**

**...God is Punishing You,**

**...Try to See Them as God's Gift of Grace**

The First Thing God was Going to Do is...

...Help Gideon Move Beyond His Fear



# SCARED?

When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.

**Be Aware that Living in a “State of Fear” is  
...Not Part of God’s Plan for You**

**Fear-Based Thinking...**

- Suggests You May Not Be Fully Trusting God.
- Does Not Appropriate the Grace of God.
- Keeps You in Bondage to Fear.
- Is Physically, Emotionally, / Spiritually Damaging.

*“In God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?” -Psalm 56:4*

**SCARED?**

**When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.**

The phrase

"do not be afraid"

is written in the Bible  
365 times. That's a daily  
reminder from God to live  
every day being fearless ♥

# The phrase

## Begin with a Healthy Fear (Awe) of God

### Believe That God...

- o Created You Because He Loves You
- o Has a Purpose and a Plan for Your Life.
- o Has the Right to Have Authority Over You.
- o Wants You to Entrust Your Life to Him.
- o Has the Power to Change You.
- o Will Keep You Safe as You Trust in Him.

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” -Prov 1:7*

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A group of men in ancient, rugged clothing are standing in a rocky, outdoor setting. They are holding lit torches high in the air, and one man in the center is blowing a horn. The background shows a blue sky with some clouds and distant hills. The overall scene suggests a moment of triumph or a significant event.

**God was About to Totally Change Gideons World**

**God Will Totally Change Yours If You Let Him!**