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Gideon

Coward, Challenger, and Conqueror Judges 6:1 – 7:22

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Setting: Following the death of Deborah, the nation of Israel was without a strong leader and once again drifted back in to the worship of heathen gods. When this happened the anointing of God departed, and for seven years the people were on their own.

Midianites were tribes of desert nomads who haunted the eastern borderlands. They occasionally joined forces with a group of bandits called Amalekites who raided the nation of Israel at will.

The Israelites, weakened by their worship of false gods, were no match for the Midianites or the Amalekites. In their desperation they called to the Lord. God sent them a prophet who reminded them that God brought them out of slavery.

Gideon: Encounter with the angel of the Lord. 6:11 - key 6:14

- Gideon give me a sign 6:17
- Now I know 6:22 result: built an alter
- Demolished false alters 6: 26-28
- Fleece #1 6:36
- Fleece #2 6:39

Lesson to be learned about Fleeces: Fleeces are not used to determine but rather to	
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Perso	nal Application
1.	God doesn't need all your
2.	God wants to use his
3.	God doesn't need your, but he does desire your
4.	When you follow God, he will
5.	You must be willing to
6.	If you are weak in faith he will
7.	Your enemy will overtake you if you don't