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## GIDEON: THE FACE OF STRENGTH

(Judges 6:11-15)

### I. REAL CHANGE ONLY BEGINS WHEN YOU MEET GOD AND ALLOW HIM TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE.

#### 1. God loves to take the least and make them the strongest.

*Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. (1 Corinthians 1:26-27) NIV*

#### 2. True change will take place in your life only when God is the only God in your life.

- You can't bargain with God. Limited space for Jesus means limited growth and strength.

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, (Ephesians 3:16) NIV*

### II. REAL CHANGE SPREADS THROUGH EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE AS YOU KNOW AND CLAIM GOD'S PROMISES.

#### Fleece #1: A life secured by God's protection.

*People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall. (Proverbs 10:9) NLT*

#### Fleece #2: Victory over all temptation.

*The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. (1 Corinthians 10:13) NLT*

*He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, (Proverbs 2:7) NIV*

**Fleece #3: Knowledge to make right decisions in life.**

*For he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. (Proverbs 2:8-10) NIV*

**III. FOR LASTING CHANGE, YOU NEED HELP FROM OTHERS LIKE YOU.**

- **With Christ, and with a close group of godly friends, you have the strength to overcome ANYTHING!**

*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:15-16) NIV*