

**Extraordinary Living: Lessons in Faith from
Ordinary People**
“Obedience Despite Fear”
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1. God sees us as we _____ not as we are.

Judges 6:12 “The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, “Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!” (NLT)

- You are _____ than you think you are.
- You are capable of _____ than you think you can.

Eph. 3:16 “I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.” (NLT)

Eph. 3:20 “Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” (NLT)

2. God works with us _____.

Judges 7:9-11 “...Go down into the Midianite camp, for I have given you victory over them! ¹⁰ But if you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah. ¹¹ Listen to what the Midianites are saying, and you will be greatly encouraged. Then you will be eager to attack.” (NLT)

- God will often give us _____ of His will to grow our courage.
- How do we recognize God’s indicators?
 - Be walking in _____.
 - Be _____.
 - Be _____.

3. Even fearful obedience results in the _____.

- When we obey _____, we experience the extraordinary.

- We will never know who we can become and _____ unless we follow Jesus despite our fears.

Judges 6:13 “Gideon replied, “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about?...” (NLT)

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Discussion Questions:

1. How can fear become a barrier to us following Jesus fully?
2. Notice the angel of the Lord saw Gideon as He was going to be not as he was. How does this make you feel when you think about how God sees you?
3. Discuss the 12 truth statements about who you are. Do you struggle seeing yourself through the lens of these truths? Why / why not?
4. God works with us despite our fear by giving us indicators along the journey. Discuss how we can become more aware of these indicators?
5. Fear is never going to disappear from our human experience. How do we move forward following Jesus despite the fear we feel? What will happen if we follow Jesus in this manner?
6. Share any stories you may have when you followed Jesus despite your fear.

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