

# GREG'S NOTES

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## WHAT TO DO WHEN THE ODDS ARE AGAINST YOU

Judges 6

When I look in the mirror at my reflection, I see flaws. God sees things differently. I see weakness. God sees potential. I see what I am. God sees what I can be. I see the past. God sees the future. I see a lump of clay. God sees a beautiful sculpture. I see a blank canvas. God sees a masterpiece. I see a lump of coal. God sees a sparkling diamond.

God sees things differently than I see them.

And now we get a look at a man that had no visible potential, yet he was initially greeted by the angel of the Lord as a “mighty hero of courage.” He became a bona fide world changer. His name is Gideon.

### PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

- 1. God uses people who are humble.** A really humble person doesn't tell you they are humble. They're just shocked that you would even notice them. They would be surprised if God would call upon them. That was Gideon. He was genuinely humble. In fact, Gideon asked the Lord in Judges 6:15, “Who am I that you would call me?” The Lord, in effect says, “It's not about who you are. It is about who I Am.”
- 2. World changers are faithful in little things.** If you want God to use you in big things, first you have to start with little things. Before Gideon was to gather an army, God told him to go tear down the altar of his father. Gideon did what the Lord called Him to do (Judges 6:27). And Gideon passed the first test with flying colors.

### RELEVANT REMINDERS

- God goes out of his way to find ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Why? So that He gets the glory.
- Your enemy is powerful, but God is greater than your enemy is.
- If you want to be a world changer, if you want your life to make a difference, it's time to be the person God has called you to be.

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### APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Make your stand in your home. Make your stand among people that you know because Jesus is looking for men and women that He can use. God can do a lot with a little. He can do a lot with you. God effectively changed the whole culture through one man who was willing to stand in the gap and make a difference. The Lord can do the same today with an ordinary person, just like you, who will say, “Lord, I’m willing to be that man. I’m willing to be that woman.” God will often use the unqualified to do the unexpected. Will you step forward?