## Teaching Outline Series: As God Sees Us Week One

## Judges 6:11-18 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" <sup>13</sup> "Sir," 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? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" <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!" 16 The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." <sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me. <sup>18</sup> Don't go away until I come back and bring my offering to you." He answered, "I will stay here until vou return."

How did Gideon \_\_\_\_\_?

• esteem = to regard highly or favorably; regard with respect or admiration. To consider as of a certain value or of a certain type.  self-esteem = a realistic respect for or favorable impression of oneself; self-respect.

How did God	_him?
What	_ did God's response have on him?
/	were released in Gideon.
God received	and others
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What kind of • • •	does God use to help us?
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For further reflection: Am I allowing myself to receive positive feedback? How am I / can I be a positive influence on others?

Closing Song: You Say, by Lauren Daigle