

# THE COMEBACK FACTOR

## From Hidden to Hero

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## **The Story of Gideon**

Judges 6-8

Judges 6:11-12 "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. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!'"

## **The Three Visions You Need For Your Comeback**

### **1. The INTERNAL Vision: See Yourself As God Sees You.**

Judges 6:12 "The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, 'Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!'"

Romans 4:17 "God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did."

**How you view yourself determines what you do with yourself.**

Psalm 139:13-14 "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

Ephesians 6:10-12 "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly."

## **2. The ETERNAL Vision: See Your God.**

Judges 6:22-24 "Gideon realized it was the angel of the Lord. He cried out, 'Lord and King, I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!' But the Lord said to him, 'May peace be with you! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.' So Gideon built an altar to honor the Lord there."

Luke 10:19 "I've given you power to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

John 4:23-24 "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 "Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are - face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of His face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like Him."

**There is life-giving power to overcome obstacles when you experience God's love firsthand.**

Ephesians 3:18-19 "May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."

### **3. The EXTERNAL Vision: See Your Purpose.**

Judges 6:34-35 "Then the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him. He also sent messengers throughout Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, summoning their warriors, and all of them responded."

**When you see your destiny as God sees it, then you will make Destiny Decisions.**

Revelation 3:21-22 "Those who are victorious will sit with Me on My throne, just as I was victorious and sat with My Father on His throne. Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches."

2 Timothy 2:11-12 "If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him."

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 "Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should."

**You can come back from any setback when you see what God sees.**

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

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