

Brave Heart

(Courage in a World of Compromise)

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“Changes That Last” Judges 6

If you had to describe how God loves you right now, what would you write and what role would your circumstances play? The two most important questions you could ask: What is God doing in my life? How should I be responding to Him? Phil1:6; Rom8:28-29
This passage of scripture will challenge and redefine what we think about the love of God.

Judges 6:1-10

- God is far more concerned with our holiness (character) than our happiness (comfort). He wants for you far more than you could ever dream or imagine. Vv1, 7
- For godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. (2Cor7:10-11). Rom2:4
- We don't obey Him to get His blessing, we have His incalculable blessing therefore we obey Him. Vv8-10

Verses 11-18

- Our identity isn't what we have done or what has been done to us or of our own choosing but it is what our Creator says we are. V12; 1Pet2:9-10
- We are called to live with a sense of destiny and be the presence and power of God in our generation. Vv13-14; Matt28:18-20; Acts1:8

Verses 19-27

- All of our questions, doubts and fears are ultimately answered in God's disclosure of Himself. Vv22-23; Ex33:18-20; Job42:5

- Revival starts in our own life and home by identifying and replacing our idols. Vv25-27

Verses 28-40

- Nothing brings lasting change and confidence like the assurance that God is for us and not against us. Vv36-40
How do we know? The Cross! Rom8:31-32; 1John4:18

Growing Notes

- 1) If you had to describe how God loves you right now, what would you write and what role would your circumstances play? What are the two most important questions you could ask (see intro to sermon notes)? Why?
- 2) Read Judges 6:1-10. How severe were Israel's problems (vv1-6)? Why do you think God is more concerned with our holiness than our happiness (vv1, 7)? What is the difference between godly grief and worldly grief (2Cor7:10-11)? What does it mean that we obey FROM blessing not FOR blessing (vv8-10)?
- 3) Read Judges 6:11-18. What does it mean that our identity isn't what we have done or what has been done to us or of our own choosing but it is what our Creator says we are (v12; 1Pet2:9-10)? How often are we like Gideon wondering why God isn't doing something when God wants to use us to be His presence and power in our generation (Vv13-14; Matt28:18-20; Acts1:8)?
- 4) Read Judges 6:19-27. How is courage not the absence of fear but the presence of God? How does revival start in our own life and home? Read Judges 6:28-40. Gideon is not seeking guidance but assurance through the fleece. Nothing brings lasting change and confidence like the assurance that God is for us and not against us. Explain. How do we know (Rom8:31-32; 1John4:18)? Pray.