

Main points of Gideon story

- God's call to Gideon, Gideon unsure
- Gideon tears down idols by night
- Sign of the fleece
- Gideon's army reduced to 300
- Gideon's army spooks the Midianites
- Gideon makes an Ephod



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Gideon – complex person

- From timid and hesitant, to military leader, pursues enemies and takes revenge
- From idol breaker to idol maker
- From needing signs to no longer needing God

Lessons of Gideon

- Find the courage to use your gifts
- Less is more
- We need both reliance on God's Spirit *and* responsibility.

Questions

1. Do you struggle with knowing what gift(s) you have to offer, knowing where you fit, or finding the confidence to use your gift(s)? What does this story have to teach us?
2. Where is the balance between trusting and depending on God and discovering our own capacities?