We can be Heroes

Judges 6:11-12 (NLT)

There is a tension between what we think we can do, and what God knows we can do.

11 Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah which belonged to Joash the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. 12 The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

Judges 6:11-12 (NLT)

Four tension breakers to become a Mighty Hero

13 "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." 14 Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I'm sending you."

Judges 6:13-14 (NLT)

1. Embrace the Call of God

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NLT)

That night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one that is seven years old. Pull down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole standing beside it.

Then build an altar to the Lord your God here on this hilltop sanctuary, laying the stones carefully. Sacrifice the bull as a burnt offering on the altar, using as fuel the wood of the Asherah pole you cut down."

Judges 6:25-26 (NLT)

2. Give Jesus Your Whole Heart

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross and follow me."

Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

"What if I fail?"

36 Then Gideon said to God, "if you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, 37 prove it to me in this way..."

Judges 6:36-37a (NLT)

3. Walk by Faith

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

John 20:29 (NLT)

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

1 So Gideon and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. 2 The Lord said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength."

Judges 7:1-2 (NLT)

4. Give God the Glory

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness. "I don't wait to be famous, just faithful" -Pastor Rick Reed

Psalm 115:1 (NLT)

Mighty Hero, how has God called you?