

THE ROAD AHEAD

Part 2: Inward Preps Stronger Steps

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE

- We are rather complex people
 1. Experience / environment
 2. Genetics
 3. Spirit, Soul and Body
- There is a biblical / spiritual emphasis on the inner man
 1. The scriptures contrast the inner vs outer man
 2. The heart is esteemed the core of our being (*Proverbs 4:23 NLT*)

NEGATIVES INSIDE AND OUT (Judges 6:11-17 NKJV)

- Gideon was facing a negative external situation
 1. His nation had been dominated for seven years
 2. He was hiding from his oppressors
- Gideon was also wrestling with negative internal situations
 1. He carried a negative view of God
 2. He was bogged down with a negative perspective of himself
- Gideon's first big step (*Judges 6:21-24 NKJV*)
 1. He was holding on to a belief that God was against him
 2. God spoke comfort to him - and he changed what he believed
 3. He built an altar, a landmark

INWARD PREPS FOR STRONGER STEPS

- Honestly assess where we are
 1. When it comes to the challenges we face; Hiding or Rejoicing? (*Psalm 19:5b NKJV*)
- Determine who we are
 1. This is not a settled subject - it's subject to change
 2. What the angel said to Gideon was not evident in his life
 3. What God says about us is often not evident in our lives (*1 John 5:4 NKJV*)
- Determine who God is to us
 1. Gideon had a revelation that God is peace and built an altar
 2. What revelation do we have of God? (*Psalm 46:1 NKJV*)