

THE ROAD AHEAD

Part 4: Motivated to Move

ACTION: THE VITAL INGREDIENT

- Faith without action is dead
 1. Not good intentions
 2. Not good word - words and actions agree
 3. Not hearing positive messages - this is a starting place
- The doers are the blessed (**James 1:22 NKJV**)
 1. Knowledge is good
 2. Applied knowledge is better
 3. A great question: What action steps am I taking?

GETTING GIDEON GOING (Judges 7:9-11 NKJV)

- God speaks differently
 1. He spoke to Gideon in the past tense - I have delivered it
 2. Similar language to the children of Israel - I have given you the land
 3. God's perspective is vastly superior
- God did not want Gideon in fear
 1. Fear limits action
 2. Sent Gideon to the camp but not alone
 3. Hearing from another source would encourage Gideon
- Gideon finally aligns with God (**Judges 7:13-15 NKJV**)
 1. The dream reached Gideon and he finally believed God had given him victory
 2. He worshipped God - and stopped questioning
 3. Finally said the same thing God had been saying
 4. He went into action mode and a great victory was won

MOTIVATED TO MOVE: SOME HELP TO GET GOING

- Recognize God's ways (**Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV**)
 1. God operates in a different realm - higher, stronger, superior
 2. The verse in Isaiah does not say we can never know His ways and thoughts
 3. One of God's ways is He often speaks in past tense
- Know that fear is not from God and He doesn't want you afraid
 1. He knows the corrosive power of fear - Fear not is a biblical phrase
 2. He does not send us into this dark world alone (**2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV**)
- Aligning ourselves with God
 1. Worshipping Him is one of the best ways to do this
 2. Say the same things He says (**2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV**)
 3. Take action steps in line with Him