

UPGRADING YOUR VISION

Part 6: Accepting Good News

GIDEON IN DIRE NEED OF AN UPGRADE (*Judges 6:11-16 NKJV*)

- God delivers a positive message to Gideon
 1. The Lord is with you, and you are a mighty man of valor
- Gideon pushes back on the good news
 1. He determined the truth of the message based on his situation
 2. If the Lord is with us, why all this negative?
 3. Where are the miracles - looking to the situation over the message
 4. The real issue was that God was the reason for their depleted state

GOD'S GOOD NEWS TO US TODAY

- God's message to us is positive
 1. He is not only with us but in us by His Spirit (*Romans 8:11 NKJV*)
 2. We are stronger than our situation (*Romans 8:37 NKJV*)
- What are we to do with this message?
 1. Completely disregard it - no belief at all
 2. Believe the message until problems and pressure comes
 3. Completely lose sight of what God has said (*Mark 4:19 NKJV*)
 4. Believe and accept God's good news to us (*Luke 1:38 NKJV*)

GIDEON'S LOW SENSE OF SELF

- God brings more good news
 1. A promise to deliver Israel from the Midianites
 2. A commission from the Lord to Gideon - he was being sent
- Gideon pushes back again
 1. He did not believe the message - how can I do this?
 2. Was very conscious of his family and his status

BALKING AT GOD'S MESSAGE TO US

- How can God's promises to me be true?
 1. A list of why this can't be