

"COURAGE, DEAR HEART!"

Judges 6:1-40 // October 11, 2026 PM

The all-sufficient God speaks courage to our fears.

I. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *presence* (vv. 1-16).

II. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *peace* (vv. 17-32).

III. Yahweh assures of His all-sufficient *power* (vv. 33-40).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Is courage the absence of fear? Why, or why not?
2. Why did God raise up the Midianites against Israel? How specifically did the Midianites oppress Israel?
3. Who did God send to Israel in response to their cries before raising up a deliverer? Why?
4. Who is the angel of the Lord? What did He call Gideon to, and how did Gideon respond?
5. Why was it necessary for Gideon to war against the idols in Israel before warring against the Midianites? How did this require courage, and how did God give it?
6. Should we lay a fleece out before God and put Him to the test like Gideon did? How should this account of the fleece of wool encourage us?
7. Why do we need courage just like Gideon did? How do we cultivate it, steering clear of cowardice and recklessness?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What do I think about Aristotle's view of courage as the virtuous middle between the vices of cowardice and recklessness? What does the Bible have to say about this?
2. Can I list the parallels between Judges 6 and Exodus 3-4? Why are these parallels important to see?
3. Do I struggle with fear in following and standing for the Lord? If so, why, and how does this narrative serve to encourage and embolden me?