

# How Big Is God? Living With a Big God

## I. Introduction

- A. Judges 6:11 (NLT) *Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.*
- B. Judges 6:12-13 (NLT) <sup>12</sup>*The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Dighty hero, the LORD is with you!"* <sup>13</sup>*"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."*
- C. Judges 6:14-15 (NLT) <sup>14</sup>*Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"* <sup>15</sup>*"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"*
- D. Judges 6:16 (NLT) *The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."*
1. "How big is your God?"
- E. Judges 6:27 (NLT) *So Gideon took ten of his servants and did as the LORD had commanded. But he did it at night because he was afraid of the other members of his father's household and the people of the town.*
- F. Judges 6:31 (NLT) *But Joash shouted to the mob that confronted him, "Why are you defending Baal? Will you argue his case? Whoever pleads his case will be put to death by morning! If Baal truly is a god, let him defend himself and destroy the one who broke down his altar!"*
- G. Judges 6:36-37 (NLT) <sup>36</sup>*Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to use me to rescue Israel as you promised, <sup>37</sup>prove it to me in this way. I will put a wool fleece on the threshing floor tonight. If the fleece is wet with dew in the morning but the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to help me rescue Israel as you promised."*
- H. Judges 7:5-7 (NLT) <sup>5</sup>*When Gideon took his warriors down to the water, the LORD told him, "Divide the men into two groups. In one group put all those who cup water in their hands and lap it up with their tongues like dogs. In the other group put all those who kneel down and drink with their mouths in the stream."<sup>6</sup> Only 300 of the men drank from their hands. All the others got down on their knees and drank with*

*their mouths in the stream. The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."*

I. Philippians 4:13 (NAS) *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

1. We're going to learn how to live a "Big God" life!

## II. Conclusion