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of Bible Messages  
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## JESUS HELPS ME CHANGE MY WORLD

Part 4

**Judges 6:12-15** – When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

<sup>13</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

<sup>15</sup> “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

### How can I **CHANGE** my world when I’m the **LEAST** in my world?

**Judges 6:14b** – “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

### God told Gideon to “Go with the strength you **HAVE!**”

**Psalm 62:8** – Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**Deuteronomy 28:12** – The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.

### God told Gideon, “Remember **I’M** the one who is sending you!” **Judges 6:14c**

**Isaiah 43:1-3a** – But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

<sup>3</sup> For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

### **HOW** can I change my world when I’m so **OLD?**

**Joshua 14:6-14** – Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report ACCORDING TO MY CONVICTIONS, <sup>8</sup> but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, FOLLOWED THE LORD MY GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY. <sup>9</sup> So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked WILL BE YOUR INHERITANCE, and that of your children forever, because you have FOLLOWED THE LORD MY GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY.’

<sup>10</sup> “Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!

<sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. <sup>12</sup> Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. <sup>14</sup> So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because HE FOLLOWED THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, WHOLEHEARTEDLY.