



BREAKING THE ICE

If you could be a pro at any sport, what sport would you choose and why?

If you could live in one season all year long, which one would you choose and why?

Last week we talked about the idols in our lives and things we place above God. What did you learn about the idols you have in your life? How have you dealt with those idols knowing they are a distraction in your walk with God?

MAIN CONTENT

This week our good friend, Pastor Jeff Henderson, finished out our series, “Build Different”. Jeff asked us a question at the beginning of the service:

1. What would you do in 2022 if you knew God was with you?

If you absolutely knew God was with you and you could do anything He asked through Him what would you do? Many times we think God can do great things through other people but we have a hard time believing He can do great things through us.

2. What keeps you from stepping out and believing God has great things for you?

This week Pastor Jeff picked up on the story of Gideon. In Judges 6 we see where Gideon asked God for a sign to know God was with him to do great things.

Read Judges 6:17 and 36-40

Gideon asked for God to give him a sign three times. He wanted to make sure God was really going to do great things through him.

3. What kind of signs have you asked God to give you? What kind of signs has God given you?

God answered Gideon’s prayer each time. He gave Gideon the exact sign Gideon asked for. God had given each of us His biggest sign, Jesus. He gave us Jesus as a sign that He will never leave us (Matthew 28:20). When Jesus left the earth, He gave us another sign, the Holy Spirit.

Read Judges 6:12

God is with us, just like He was with Gideon. We have to believe when He calls us to do great things, we can do them because we are His mighty warriors. God wants us to fight against our bullies like Gideon fought against his.

4. What bullies do you believe are against you right now?

5. How can you fight against those bullies?

God gave Gideon a battlecry to shout to defeat his bullies (Judges 7:17-18) "For the Lord and for Gideon". The battlecry was one more thing that gave Gideon and his army the courage to stand up to their bullies.

Two things we can learn from Gideon and his army; know God is with you, mighty warrior and create a battlecry.

6. Which one of these do you need to believe or practice more of; believe God is with you and you are a mighty warrior or create a battlecry? Why?

Our battlecry can be a lot like Gideon's army: For the Lord and For _____. Each of us has the opportunity to fill in the blank. Maybe you are for your spouse, your kids, your school, your family, your relationships or your co-workers.

7. What bully or bullies is God asking you to stand up against?

8. What is your battlecry?

The battle doesn't go away, the warriors get stronger to fight against it. We can choose to stand on the truth that God gives through His word that we are mighty warriors and He has equipped us to fight the good fight for Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

God, thank you for the reminder that we are mighty warriors. That you equipped each of us to battle our bullies when we ask You for guidance. Holy Spirit, will you guide us in our steps as we go against our enemies. Will you remind us you are with us and we can do all things through You. Surround us with others who can pray for us and encourage us as we fight the bullies in our lives. Help us seek you Jesus and do everything for your glory. Amen.

ACTION STEP

+ If you don't know the battlecry for your life, take some time this week to pray and ask God to reveal what it is. Share it with a close friend or group member so you can pray for one another.

+ This week ask yourself this question: Knowing God has called you to be a mighty warrior, what would you in 2022 if you knew God was with you? Come back next week ready to tell your group.