West Valley Church of Christ – November 1, 2026

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

IT IS NOT ABOUT THE ODDS

When God first came to Gideon, he was living by sight and not by faith. When God was finished with him, he was living by faith and not by sight. Gideon was a farmer when he first appears in Scripture. He enjoyed farming and he had no desire to do anything more than farm. He had no plans to run for mayor or even the school board. He most definitely had no desire of becoming a military leader, but God's plan was much different than Gideon's in light of Israel's situation. There was nothing wrong with farming, but God needed him to serve Him in a different role to help God's people. Israel had cried out to God for help and God set His plan to help in motion. God responded by seeking out Gideon. Judges 6:12, "When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.'" God was very deliberate as He devised a plan that Gideon with 300 men would be victorious against an enemy of around 135,000 Midianites. 450 to 1 – that was the odds and what Gideon was up against. Spiritual victory does not depend on our numbers, our power, or strength, but upon our being humble enough to listen to God and then obey Him. Once Gideon put his trust in God, this fearful unlikely hero became a faithful example for us.

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