

# ALTAR EGO - Part 1 of 3 My Feelings of Inadequacy February 1, 2015

## WE MUST LAY DOWN OUR FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY

### WHY DO WE FEEL INADEQUATE?

- UNFAIR CRITICISM.
- UNREALISTIC COMPLIMENTS.
- UNWISE COMPARISONS.

#### LAY DOWN OUR FEELINGS OF INADEQUACY

The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.<sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is <u>with you, mighty warrior</u>."<sup>13</sup> "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."<sup>14</sup> The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the <u>strength you have</u> and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"<sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the <u>weakest</u> in Manasseh, and I am <u>the least</u> in my family."<sup>16</sup> The Lord answered, "I will be <u>with you</u>, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." Judges 6:11-16

#### **3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU**

## 1) GOD'S VIEW OF YOU IS DIFFERENT THAN YOU THINK.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." Judges 6:12

*For we are God's <u>masterpiece</u>. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the <u>good things</u> he <i>planned for us long ago.* Ephesians 2:10 NLT

#### 2) GOD HAS GIVEN YOU MORE THAN YOU THINK.

"Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Judges 6:14

*His divine power has given us <u>everything we need</u> for <u>life and godliness</u> through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3* 

#### 3) IT'S LESS ABOUT YOU THAN YOU THINK.

The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together." Judges 6:16

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13 NLT