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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?” “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.” The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.

**Judges 6:14-16**

## **Fear<less: Who am I?**

Who am I?

I have to admit; this question runs through my head quite often. Whenever I come to a point where I think I know who I am and understand myself, my situation changes, and I feel completely lost. It often feels like I am riding a rollercoaster. One day I feel confident in who I am and what I’m taking on. The next day I am second guessing myself and am not sure I can handle it.

Maybe you’ve been through this too. One day you feel 100% confident in who you are and you think you can take on the world. But the next day everything looks different. The next day you’re not confident in who you are or how you are going to take on the task in front of you.

That’s how Gideon felt. Gideon was struggling with the uncertainty of who he was. He was scared and threatened by the Midianite armies. Now God was calling him to rescue Israel? He was just a nobody from a nobody family. He was the least in that family too! Who was he to save Israel?

But look what God did. He called Gideon to be the rescuer for the people of Israel and then promised to be with him. Gideon was worried that he could not do it, but God told him that he would not be alone. God would be with him at all times. Gideon found his identity, his power, and his purpose in God.

Who am I? Who am I to take on this day, this task, and this world?

I am God's child. I am saved by Jesus. I am just who God designed me to be. When God leads you by his Word, your identity will not be altered by the world, defined by its standards, or determined by the current situation or how I feel. When God fills you with his power and his Spirit by his Word, your fear will disappear even as you consider what looms in front of you. In God, you can have everlasting confidence in who you are because of who he is. He is the one who sent his Son who made himself a nobody on earth so I may be one of his own in heaven. He gave me a new identity in my baptism as his child. That will never change! Trusting in God's promises, you can take on whatever lies in front of you with absolute confidence. So, take heart in these words which God spoke to Gideon: "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

These words are as true for you today as they were for Gideon. Be a warrior! God is with us and will be with us as we take on whatever God gives us to do today and every day.

**Prayer:** Dear God, when I face the ongoing battle of being uncertain of who I am and what my life purpose is, give me the courage you know I so desperately need. Continue to remind me that my only confidence can be found in you. Lead me, keep me, and sustain me through Jesus Christ, my Lord, and Savior. Amen.

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