



Lesson 3 – The GENIUS of Willingness

Two words can change your life, change the setting, change the world – “I WILL.”

Isaiah 6:8 is a classic **I WILL** statement.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

Philippians 2:5-7 *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”*

That’s an **I WILL** action.

Judges 6:1-6 Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and for 7 years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.

In **Verse 10** the Lord rebukes them and says “You have not listened to Me.”

Actions have consequences. God had set his people free, then they chose bondage.

Verse 11 – The lord calls Gideon a warrior – a mighty man of valour.

God always triumphs with the person of a willing heart. It is often an unlikely person.

It’s ok to willing, but nervous.

When Gideon first sounded the trumpet for battle 32,000 guys showed up. There were 135,000 men in the tribes against Israel. Odds were 4:1. After Gideon said “All that are afraid can leave,” 22,000 went home. Only 10,000 left. Odds are 13:1. After “dog test” only 300 men left. Odds are now 450:1!

God had 6 moves because He is a God of precision:

1. Surround the Midianite camp with a line of men a few hundred feet apart
2. Attack late at night to surprise and confuse the enemy
3. Sound trumpets from 300 different directions
4. Break pottery jars
5. Raise torches
6. Shout a battle cry for the Lord and for Gideon

God and Israel win big!

If you take your very best plan and turn it 180 degrees, that’s probably closer to God’s plan.