Sermon Notes

Judges 6 and 7 Sept. 20, 2026

Rekindling the Flame:

Gideon: Fake It Until You Make It

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I. Introduction: “What are you doing here?”

II. Sermon Series: Rekindling the Flame
C. Last week: The Call of Abraham
D. This week: The Call of Gideon

III. Brief History Lesson: From the Exodus to the Conquest of the Promised Land to the Time of the Judges to the United Kingdom

IV. Gideon
A. The Call

“The Lord is with you, you mighty warrior. . .Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.”

B. The Excuse

“But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

C. The Promise

The Lord said to (Gideon), “But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them.”

D. The Problem

The Lord said to Gideon, “The troops with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand. Israel would only take the credit away from me, saying, ‘My own hand has delivered me.’

E. The Solution

Then the Lord said to Gideon, “With the three hundred who lapped I will deliver you and give the Midianites into your hand. Let all the others go to their homes.”

V. Do You Have the Call of Gideon?

Lord God, You have appointed me as a Bishop and Pastor in Your Church, but you see how unsuited I am to meet so great and difficult a task. If I had lacked Your help, I would have ruined everything long ago. . Use me as Your instrument -- but do not forsake me, for if ever I should be on my own, I would easily wreck it all. Amen (Martin Luther)