

# THE TRUE KING REIGNS Pt. 5

## The Fear of Man and the Faithfulness of God

Judges 6:1-40 | Ryan Richards | May 17, 2020

### 1. God's Ferocious Adversaries (Judges 6: 1-10)

- a. Israel's Oppression (1-6)
- b. Israel's Outcry (7-8)
- c. Israel of Old (9-10)

### 2. Gideon Formally Apprehended (Judges 6:11-24)

- a. God's Arrival (11-12)
- b. Gideon's Apathy (13-15)
- c. God's Assurance (16-18)
- d. Gideon's Acceptance (19-24)

### 3. Gideon's First Assignment (Judges 6:25-35)

- a. God's Mission (25-26)
- b. Gideon's Movements (27)
- c. Gathered Mob (28-35)

### 4. God's Faithful Affirmation (Judges 6:36-40)

- a. Gideon's Faithlessness (36-37, 39)
- b. God's Faithfulness (38, 40)

#### *Reflect, Discuss & Apply The Sermon*

1. If you grew up with or have been familiar with the story of Gideon, do you usually see him as being someone weak, timid, and fearful? Does this truth of Gideon's feelings/actions toward God surprise you?
2. As stated throughout the sermon, some of the ways that Gideon was no model servant of God are that he questioned and tested God's promises, tried to deflect his direct orders from God, was fearful of those who oppressed God's people, and half-heartedly performed duties God required. Why do you think Gideon acted this way even though he knew the power of God in Israel's past?
3. Sometimes in the narratives of the Hebrew Bible, we tend to see the characters' failures and shortcomings as unique to them. What weaknesses, character flaws, or sinfulness in Gideon are you prone to wandering in?
4. One passage of the Hebrew Bible frequently abused by modern people is testing God like Gideon did with his fleece. Have you ever, or have you known anyone who has ever, "thrown out a fleece" and tested God? If so, share the story. What was the result?
5. What is one new thing you learned, felt and can do as a result of this sermon? Make one action step this week and commit to it.