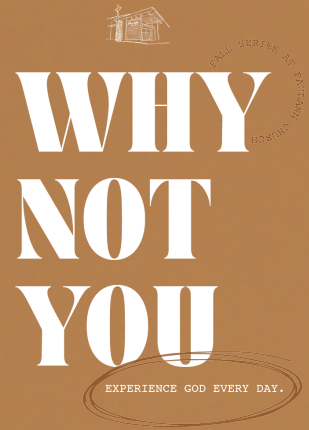


Treasure in Jars of Clay

Why Not You #4

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Has God ever asked you to do something you didn't want to do? What happened?

Read Judges 6: 1 – 6. In the seven years prior to Gideon coming to save the day, what is the situation in Israel? What was their real problem? The Midianites or something else?

Read Judges 6: 11 – 16. How would you describe Gideon? How did God describe him? Why?

If you have an Experiencing God book, look at the back cover at the seven realities of Experiencing God. How does the story of Gideon fulfill the first five realities?

Read Judges 6: 25 – 32. What major adjustments did Gideon have to make in his life to follow God?

Gideon tore an altar down and built up another one overnight. What in your life do you need to “tear down” if you could? What would you like to “build up” to the glory of God? How can your small group help you get started?

Read Judges 7: 1 – 7. Why did God want to reduce the size of Gideon's army?

If you were Gideon, how would you have felt when God said, “You have too many troops, send some home.”? What was God trying to teach Gideon?

Read Judges 7: 15 – 21. Why did the Israelites win?

Which weakness of yours does this story prompt you to see differently today? In our church?

How does 2 Corinthians 4: 6 – 7 apply to this story?

What would it take for you, like Gideon, to live up to your spiritual potential?