#### Offering Declaration

Father, in the name of Jesus, I speak your word over my finances this day. I have worshipped you with my tithes and offerings, now I claim the Windows of Heaven blessing for my life. I now receive doors of opportunity opening for me and my family. I have given, therefore I shall never lack.

Those who the spirit of God speaks to are free to obey and give to me good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. I believe my every need is met with heaven's best! I thank you Father my need was supplied according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Father, your word says my giving increases the fruits of my righteousness. Therefore, I thank you for an abundance of love, joy, peace, temperance, goodness in my life. IT'S NOT WHAT PEOPLE SEE IN YOU THAT GIVES YOU THE ADVANTAGE. IT'S WHAT GOD SEES IN YOU THAT GIVES YOU THE ADVANTAGE. STEVEN FURTICK



# SEE YOURŞELF

### Do You See What I See

### Judges 6:1-12

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light in my path. It is alive and active. Sharper than any double edge sword. It is God breathed and is inspired to teach, rebuke, correct, and train me in righteousness. I will not just listen to the word, I will do what it says. I am blessed because I hear the word and act upon it. I am about to receive the incorruptible, indestructible, ever living, never ending seed of the Word of God and I will never ever be the same.

Judges 6: <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."

I have often wondered what the Lord has said about me that I did not believe? Hebrews 11:3 "**Through faith** we understand that worlds were framed by the word of God so that the things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.







# The problem isn't your situation its your picture!!

# Your Perception is causing you way to much pain.

YOUR Perspective Is Essential To Progress

6 The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites.<sup>2</sup> Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. <sup>3</sup> Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. <sup>4</sup> They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. <sup>5</sup> They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it.

.<sup>6</sup> Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help.

<sup>7</sup> When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, <sup>8</sup> he sent them a prophet, who said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>9</sup> I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your

oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup> I said to you, 'I am the Lord your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.' But you have not listened to me." <sup>11</sup> The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, <u>"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior."</u>

When the angel calls Gideon a 'Mighty man of valour,' he is calling him by his God-given identity. The name Gideon means 'cutter down' or 'destroyer', and Gideon is destined to be a leader who, with God's help, overthrows Israel's powerful enemy

# God Himself Initiates our Identity.

<sup>4</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.' (Eph 2:10)

'Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong' (1 Cor 1:26-27) <sup>13</sup> "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

<sup>14</sup> 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?" <sup>15</sup> "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."

<sup>16</sup> The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

<sup>17</sup> Gideon replied, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you." And the Lord said, "I will wait until you return." Jesus said, "You know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32). So when we learn to see ourselves the way God sees us it makes all the difference in the world.

#### Five Ways that God Sees You

**1.) God sees you as ACCEPTABLE:** Titus 3:7 (CEV) says this "Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and He gave us the hope of eternal life."

"Rejection doesn't extinguish boldness it ignites it to a new level of fervency for the Lord." Danny Duval

### Who are you?



If you're going to learn to see yourself the way God sees you, you're going to have to see your value. You're not just acceptable. You're worth something. You're worth a lot

## Gideon went from whining to winning with a word from God.

God sees me not just as acceptable and valuable but lovable.

God says in Isaiah 54:10 "The mountains and hills may crumble but my love for you will never end,' so says the Lord who loves you." Ephesians 1:4 says, "Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us. He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault. We who stand before Him covered by His love."

Gideon was chosen long before Gideon knew he was He was another case of mistaken identity

#### **5. God sees you as capable.**

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (TEV) talks about this, "The capacity that we have comes from God. It is He who made us capable of serving the new covenant."