

## THE ROAD AHEAD

### Part 2: Inward Preps Stronger Steps

#### **FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE**

- We are rather complex people
  1. Experience / environment
  2. Genetics
  3. Spirit, Soul and Body
- There is a biblical / spiritual emphasis on the inner man
  1. The scriptures contrast the inner vs outer man
  2. The heart is esteemed the core of our being (*Proverbs 4:23 NLT*)

#### **NEGATIVES INSIDE AND OUT (*Judges 6:11-17 NKJV*)**

- Gideon was facing a negative external situation
  1. His nation had been dominated for seven years
  2. He was hiding from his oppressors
- Gideon was also wrestling with negative internal situations
  1. He carried a negative view of God
  2. He was bogged down with a negative perspective of himself
- Gideon's first big step (*Judges 6:21-24 NKJV*)
  1. He was holding on to a belief that God was against him
  2. God spoke comfort to him - and he changed what he believed
  3. He built an altar, a landmark

#### **INWARD PREPS FOR STRONGER STEPS**

- Honestly assess where we are
  1. When it comes to the challenges we face; Hiding or Rejoicing? (*Psalm 19:5b NKJV*)
- Determine who we are
  1. This is not a settled subject - it's subject to change
  2. What the angel said to Gideon was not evident in his life
  3. What God says about us is often not evident in our lives (*1 John 5:4 NKJV*)
- Determine who God is to us
  1. Gideon had a revelation that God is peace and built an altar
  2. What revelation do we have of God? (*Psalm 46:1 NKJV*)