

## THE ROAD AHEAD

### Part 4: Motivated to Move

#### ACTION: THE VITAL INGREDIENT

- Faith without action is dead
  1. Not good intentions
  2. Not good word - words and actions agree
  3. Not hearing positive messages - this is a starting place
- The doers are the blessed (***James 1:22 NKJV***)
  1. Knowledge is good
  2. Applied knowledge is better
  3. A great question: What action steps am I taking?

#### GETTING GIDEON GOING (*Judges 7:9-11 NKJV*)

- God speaks differently
  1. He spoke to Gideon in the past tense - I have delivered it
  2. Similar language to the children of Israel - I have given you the land
  3. God's perspective is vastly superior
- God did not want Gideon in fear
  1. Fear limits action
  2. Sent Gideon to the camp but not alone
  3. Hearing from another source would encourage Gideon
- Gideon finally aligns with God (***Judges 7:13-15 NKJV***)
  1. The dream reached Gideon and he finally believed God had given him victory
  2. He worshipped God - and stopped questioning
  3. Finally said the same thing God had been saying
  4. He went into action mode and a great victory was won

#### MOTIVATED TO MOVE: SOME HELP TO GET GOING

- Recognize God's ways (***Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV***)
  1. God operates in a different realm - higher, stronger, superior
  2. The verse in Isaiah does not say we can never know His ways and thoughts
  3. One of God's ways is He often speaks in past tense
- Know that fear is not from God and He doesn't want you afraid
  1. He knows the corrosive power of fear - Fear not is a biblical phrase
  2. He does not send us into this dark world alone (***2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV***)
- Aligning ourselves with God
  1. Worshipping Him is one of the best ways to do this
  2. Say the same things He says (***2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV***)
  3. Take action steps in line with Him