

NAMES OF GOD: THE LORD IS MY PEACE

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Judges 6:11-24

Memory Verse

²⁴ Gideon built an altar for worshiping the and called it "The Calms Our Fears." It still stands there in Ophrah, a town in the territory of the Abiezer clan.

Judges 6:24

CASEY'S DAY

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Can you think of a time when you did not feel like you were worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, then you know exactly how Gideon felt in Judges 6:11-24.

God planned to use Gideon to deliver his people. The Israelites were facing ruthless enemies and cruel treatment. And even though God was planning to use Gideon to deliver his people, Gideon was unsure that he was the right person for the task. "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" (Judges 6:15).

Gideon asked the angel of the Lord for a sign so he would know without a doubt that he was talking with the Lord. Gideon was nervous and did not have confidence that he would be victorious against the Midianite army. After telling Gideon that he was the one for the job, Gideon understood and accepted his assignment.

In the end, Gideon built an altar and called it "Yahweh-Shalom," which means "The Lord is Peace."

You may not understand why God would use you to help out someone else. Trust that God knows what he's doing. He will give you *the strength* to complete the assignment and *the peace* to know that you are not alone.

Prayer

God, help me to be sure of your promises to never leave me. Give me the courage to speak out against wrongs in the world around me. Allow me to trust you to receive your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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