

## Male Version Bringing Change Into Your Life Part Two

Our thoughts and emotions are shaped by the way we think and the way we think is framed by the information we receive from others. A good filtering process is necessary to keep ones thinking healthy

Read this passage. Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. God did not make you man by some magic trick. Your making was a deliberate act. This was a passionate act. Creating anything requires passion. You were fashioned by His hand to resemble Him. Is creation not the greatest achievement for man in the world? When you see a man play a guitar and create music, are you not amazed and overcome with joy? When you see a man pick up a trumpet, are you not amazed and glorified at the sounds he produces? Become creators like the force that created you. Glorify your body by caring for your garden. Do not put filth in your body. Your body is the citadel of the Lord. Also go to the book of Judges and read Judges several time. Read the dialogue between Gideon and the Lord. Notice what God says when Gideon tells God he is weak. God talks right over Gideon as if his statement was not applicable to the situation. How many times have you told yourself that you were weak? Did you ask God was your weakness applicable to the situations you were facing in your life? Take note that God sent three hundred men into battle who lapped the water like a dog. Why? Judges 7:5 "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink.

Remember God made you man. He did not make you in the image of the envious one (he who cannot create) where you are to crawl and slither on the ground. He gave you a bipedal gait where you can walk upright.

Stand up as men. You must give life all that you can give it. When your day is done, let your son remember your name. You are to learn to read and write and give your soul to your son so your son can carry you into the future. For that is all there is to life, the smile that you have placed on your wife's face after leaving her bed and your son remembering your name! God made you man.

From this moment on regardless of your past sin, you will live and die as the creation God made. The call has gone out over the land. God is calling His sons back to Him.

Now you must answer Him.

You belong to the god who said his name is I AM.

You belong to the god who raised Lazarus from the grave.

You belong to the god who sent his son to earth to redeem you.

You belong to the god who sent Gideon and 300 men who lapped the water into battle.

You belong to the god who made you a companion, allowing you to have seed to live forever.

You belong to the god who held the sun and moon in place to allow his son, Joshua, to win a battle over the Amorites.

You belong to the god who said, I am the only God you cannot fashion with your hands. I can only be seen through your heart.

Does He not have a right to call you back to Him, now that you have strayed and worshipped other gods?

God made you man.

When you take God and put His word in your heart you will be a changed man. When the devil comes to you, you will feel the power of God and you will know that you can resist the devil. You have an absolute to rely upon, an absolute that has been infallible throughout the ages, never failing always reassuring.

This you must remember: you are not defeated when you walk with God. I want you to put this information in your spirit. Say: I am not defeated when I walk with God. No where in the Bible can you find one instance where God was defeated or ever considered defeat. God always spoke in the active voice. He never took a passive position. Even when He was waiting on man to change, God was active. One of the weapons that the devil uses to get man to defeat himself is to convince man that there is no way out. That is a lie. At no time are you defeated when God is sitting next to you.

When you walk with God no one can count you out. This is a change you must make. You must change the way you think. You must learn enough about God to know His method of doing things. Read the following passage. God has told Gideon He wants the Midianites destroyed. Gideon is telling the Lord that in his estimation he can't do the job. Read God's response. Note the passage of time and the words God uses. Spend time reading this passage. Note how Gideon perceived himself. Gideon saw himself as weak. He was not counting on God to help in the battle. In fact he could not see how God could help him. There were so many Midianites to fight. The Midianites were Jews (descendant of Abraham) who had rebelled and abandoned God and His ways. God had warned them a long time ago but they refused to change. They decided life would be better doing what their buddies suggested (idol worshipper in the area). Besides who was this God no one could see? They were doing all right living on their own without a God. The statues they fashioned out of wood and stone were great gods, who needs a god that can not be seen. God had been long suffering. God sat and watched the Midianites year in and year out go about their business ignoring Him as if He did not exist since they could not see God. Something like the way He has watched you go about your business pretending He did not exist since you cannot see Him.

For your information the Midianites were descendants of Midian, the son produced from the union of Abraham and Keturah (Abraham's concubine). In the book of Proverbs God speaks of sons born outside of marriage. They do not receive the recognition and the constant nurturing from their fathers. Many of these men turn to murder. They are filled with anger from being rejected. Rejection produces rage. Rage unstrained produces violence. Violence can lead to murder. This is why God suggest that man marry and consort only with his wife so all his sons will live in the same household and be subject to the same teaching.

It was the Midianites who sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar. No Jew was supposed to be sold into slavery. Joseph was the son of Jacob born to him of Rachael. The line is Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and then Joseph.

When you finish with this passage compare the way Gideon perceived himself and the way Joshua (read the book of Joshua) looked at himself. Joshua was full of spirit. He was full of belief. He was the one who told the Jews, "We can conquer the land." Never did Joshua consider defeat even in the land of giants. You are who you think you are. If you think defeat you are defeated. If you think you are invincible you are invincible. The presence of God in your life makes you invincible because nothing is impossible with God. Was not Cassius Clay invincible when he changed the perception of himself and told the world to call him Mohammed Ali? Was Nelson Mandela invincible when he sat in prison 27 years? His spirit could not be killed. There are hundreds and hundreds of men throughout the world who are invincible because they see themselves as masters, not dogs as the devil want them to believe. Victory is all in the mind, not in the body. The body is only a manifestation of the mind. Think sad and sick and soon the body will look sad and sick. Think health and wealth and the body will glow. There will be a life force in your eyes that you will not be able to dull even when you are trying to hide it from your enemy. There are moments in life when you want your enemy to believe you are defeated. You do not want him to see the life force in your eyes. It takes indomitable strength to appear weak when God's strength is raging inside of you. When you have time read all of Judges Chapter six. Listen to the way God speaks and how He says what He has to say. There is no fat, no wasted words. Every word is precise. The books of Joshua and Judges are excellent subjects to learn the character and nature of God. God is passionate! Why do you think you are passionate? You have the very same nature as God. Why do you think you become angry when you are betrayed or when you have been long suffering? You have the nature of God. He made you in His image. He also demonstrates restraint and self control and He has the capacity to love. Now read the passage:

Judges 6:14-16

14 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?"

15 "But Lord," Gideon asked, "How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

16 The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

God told Gideon to go forward. Those of you that have been in the military understand this type of order. The first sergeant says attack. He does not tell you the plan he says attack and because you have confidence in your training and in the men who trained with you and the leadership, you attack. You do not sit around and tell the first sergeant I don't think we have enough men to win the battle. You do as ordered. You attack. This is why General Patton was such a great leader. He trained his troops. They believed in themselves and they believed in him; so when he told them to march 100 miles they marched.

When God gives you an order, you are to follow Him because there is no force on this earth more formidable than He. God does not believe in losing. He could have left man on earth wallowing in filth with the devil. Remember he destroyed man once by using water. But God was not satisfied. He said he would not do that again. He said He wanted all His sons to return to Him. So He sent Jesus to earth. He

allowed Jesus to die and go to hell to redeem of us from our sins. Can you think of a greater sacrifice than the sacrifice Jesus paid for you? God does not like to lose. He has sent a call out through the land. He wants His sons to return to Him. What are you going to do?

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