

A Changed Life

WHEN GOD IS A MEMORY NOT A REALITY

- Gideon was living in an environment where God was not a reality (*Judges 6:11-13 NLT*)
 1. If the Lord is with us - no faith in God
 2. Gideon's experience with God was historical
- Transformation begins when we acknowledge the reality and presence of God in our lives (*Hebrews 11:6 NLT*)
 1. We believe God is real and God wants a relationship with us
 2. Our connection with the living God is based on what we believe

THE FILTERS THAT BLOCK GOD OUT

- Gideon had a self-image shaped by his environment and culture (*Judges 6:14-18 NLT*)
 1. He saw himself through the lens of social status and family
 2. Gideon's perspective made it hard for him to believe God could use him
 3. And God had an answer for how deliverance would come - His presence
- Transformation involves our identification with Christ
 1. Looking through the lens of what God says about us
 2. What does God say in His Word about us (*1 Thessalonians 2:13 NLT*)

A REVELATION OF WHO GOD IS (HIS CHARACTER/NATURE) IS A CATALYST FOR CHANGE (*Judges 6:19-23 NLT*)

- Gideon had a revelation that God was not looking to hurt him
 1. The supernatural event of the fire and angel made God real to him
 2. Gideon built an altar and worshipped the God of peace
- Transformation in our lives is accelerated by the acknowledgment of who God is to us
 1. What do we say about God? (*Psalms 86:15 NLT*)
 2. What are the altars of our lives?