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                     **THE CALL TO SERVE GOD**

**Judges 6:11-16**

 **Serving God in truth often comes with human hesitations and self-made reservations.**  All true servants for God, at first, have a natural will to draw back or like Jonah attempt to run in the opposite direction.  **The call of men and women to the service of God is the greatest call of all.**  To serve God is to do the will of God.  Not the will of self or anybody else**.  Are you devoted to serving God?**

 Israel needed someone with great resolve to lead them from the bondage of these hostile enemies, **the Midianites**, that had invaded their communities, took over their personal homes and turned their hearts from God.  They needed **a great man of faith** and dynamic courage to **do what was right** in a day of great evil.  Of all people, Gideon received that call.

1. **Gideon’s call** to serve God came when there was a crisis and a great need to lead the land. v.1

2. **Gideon’s call** to serve God came at a time when he too had **skeptical questions** about the reality of God; v.13

2. **Gideon’s call** to serve God came when he felt very **unqualified and undeserving**; vv.14,15

3. **Gideon’s call** to serve God came when he made up his mind to become a part of the solution and not to be a part of the problem; vv. 33-35

A. God helped Gideon to build his confidence and make him ready with a fleece flopping exercise; vv.36-40

4. **Gideon’s call** to serve God came with the **guarantee of the presence of God** and His power; v.16

**5. CONCLUSION:  ARE YOU THE CORPORAL OR THE PRESIDENT?**