

## **Thrive**

Judges 6:12 (NLT)– The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, “Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!”

Judges 6:14 (NLT) - <sup>14</sup> Then the Lord turned to him and said, “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!”

Judges 6:24 (NLT) - And Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and named it Yahweh-Shalom (which means “the Lord is peace”). The altar remains in Ophrah in the land of the clan of Abiezer to this day.

- You cannot change what you will not confront
- Today's complacency is tomorrow's captivity
- You are what you tolerate
- Your toleration is teaching people how to treat you

### **There are 3 types of people in the world:**

1. Failing
2. Surviving
3. Thriving

### **The Biblical rubric: Egypt - the desert - promise land**

Is 43:13 - No one can snatch anyone out of my hand. No one can undo what I have done.”

Jude 1:24 - Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

### **Failure:**

- built an altar to Baal
- Enemy constructed an Asherah pole to remind them of their captivity

## Survive:

- Why did you survive?
- The purpose of God is greater than the brokenness of man.
- You survived not because your faith is so efficient, but because his grace is so sufficient.
- We all have to go through...
- You will make it through:

*All Scripture in NLT:*

**Phil 1:6** - And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

**1 Cor 2:9** - No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

**1 Thess 5:24** - <sup>24</sup> God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

**Is 43:2** - <sup>2</sup> When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

- Joseph stay in the pit?
- Children stay in the desert?
- 3 Hebrews stay in the fire?
- Daniel stay in lions den?
- Jonah stay in the whale?
- Paul and Silas stay in jail?
- Peter stay in prison?
- John stay in Patmos?
- Jesus stay in the tomb?

**When Heaven starts it Hell cannot stop it.**

**When you survive it show you who you are and the strength you actually have:**

- go in the strength you have
- You are a mighty warrior

## Thrive:

- Thrive in your identity - stop letting your circumstances or people to define you
- Thrive over fear
- Thrive with what you have - “go with what you have...”
- Thrive in your weakness
- Thrive in peace

Conclusion:

- Cut down the Asherah pole and use it to fuel your destiny.