



GIDEON

Type of the Church in Trials

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We really heard from the Lord clearly this morning. We need to be in His Spirit. What is done in the flesh is wasted time, probably blown away in eternity. I would like to teach on Gideon this morning probably in a way you have never hear it before. I have thought about the story of Gideon and thought to myself, *“What does Gideon represent to us? What is he a type of? Is he a Franklin Graham? Is he a type of leadership of the Church? What is he a type of?”* I believe he is a type of the Church in a way that is expressed not just through the leadership, but the way the Church is expressed in totality, not a denominational Church but the Church of the Lord Jesus.

If you look at it from that perspective there is a different concept than what we have been used to. Judges Chapter 6 all starts with problems. Remember the judges came to judge Israel one after the other after the other. It wasn't permanent. Each one had a time and a period in which they

were able to lead Israel in the way of the Lord. However, even so, they had problems, not unlike the Church today. Think about that for a minute. Most successful Churches only last thirty to thirty-five years at the best. This Church has been around for about sixty years. I don't know why that is but perhaps because we are used to problems and we have learned how to deal with them.

Judges Chapter 6 :¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord . . .

So what is the problem? There is a call to holiness and the people of the Lord, not the Gentiles, the people of the Lord turn away and did what was evil. And just so today, we do that also. How many people have deserted the concepts of righteousness that belong to the Church. For instance, the protection of unborn children as just one example. Man would rather compromise than follow the Lord. Marriage is of man and woman, nothing else.

. . . So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, . . .

So this was the Lord's judgment. It *wasn't* the enemy taking over. The enemy had already done that. The *people* did evil.

So there was a time of judgment. I believe that the Church throughout the millenia have always gone through this kind of cycle of judgment and then righteousness and then judgment and then back to righteousness, etc. When Martin Luther came it was a time for a debt to be paid, but it wasn't going to be paid with silver and gold. It was going to be paid with the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from then on. Aren't you glad?!

So many wonderful things have happened in Church History. Martin Luther wonderfully expressed justification by grace. Sadly, it ended in a Lutheran denomination. Later his followers attached splinter detonations. When will we ever learn? We need to be led by the Spirit.

² and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens (That sounds ominous like bomb shelters.), the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. ³ So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. ⁴ Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. ⁵ For they would come up with their

livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. ⁶ *So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the **children of Israel cried out to the Lord.***

That is the beginning of Salvation . . . when the people of God begin to *cry out for their Savior*. The same thing happened when Israel was in Egypt. How many years were they there? It says that they cried out to the Lord almost every year. It says the Lord heard them but it was all in the Lord's time table that He would delivered them, eventually through the hand of Moses.

And so, today I don't believe we are going to find another Moses. I don't think we are going to find another Gideon "person." It is not going to be some certain person or one certain denomination. But, it is going to be Jesus' Church and the Holy Spirit in the Church that is going to be doing the rescuing.

(1) Remember Your Salvation

⁷ *And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried out to the Lord because of the Midianites,* ⁸ *that the **Lord sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; '9 and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. . . .***

So the prophets were prophesying what had already happened, something God already had done but wanted to *remind* them of. I think that is number One for us, of what God is doing in the Church now. He is *reminding* us of what He has already done in the past. He is *reminding* us of the first love that we have of the Lord Jesus, where we can lift up our hands and sing in tongues until we cannot sing anymore. He is *reminding* us when we fell down before the Cross and gave our heart to Him. He is *reminding* us right now of all those things. He is *reminding* us of the evil we left behind, when we were smoking Pot. You are no longer there. If you were doing LSD, you are no longer an "acid head." You belong to the Lord. "*Remember where you came from,*" says the Lord. Number One is *Remembering*.

¹⁰ *Also I said to you, "I am the Lord your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell." **But you have not obeyed My voice.** "*

So *obedience*, when you remember the word of the Lord and His salvation you also have to remember what He has called you to. He called you away from all of that evil and now to a place of *obedience*. The Church is in the process of learning *obedience*.

So now we begin the story of Gideon:

—Gideon—

Gideon is a man that needs a little more explanation. If we use him as a type of the Church, the Church's awakening to the same things that the Lord was saying to Gideon.

11 Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

So where was he? He was hiding, pressing the wheat in a place where wine was usually made so the Midianites wouldn't find it. He was doing it in secret. So we could say the Church is now doing things so no one can see because we are afraid! *Fear*. I'm telling you we need to give that fear up.

12 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, . . .

Gideon didn't recognize him right away as an angel. When the Lord's visitation comes, the Church doesn't always recognize that it is the Lord. We don't have the discernment. But today God is restoring our discernment. One of the gifts of the Spirit is the *discernment of Spirits*. Not just evil ones, but good ones!

. . . and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

So this was a prophetic declaration to Gideon that you yourselves as a Church are going to be victorious. In the days ahead you won't understand where your courage is coming from.

13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the Lord (God) is with us, why then has all this happened to us? . . .

Why do we find ourselves where we are now in history?! We are in a terrible mess in 2024.

... *And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.*"

And if Gideon had heard the words of the prophet who had come before, he would have known already the answer to that question. Apparently Gideon wasn't paying attention.

¹⁴ Then the Lord (God) turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

It is no longer Gideon. It is no longer the Church. "Have I (**God**) not sent you?"

(2) The Lord has a Purpose and a Plan for Each One of Us

... Not just a ministry but something for each one of us, for the Church plural and individually as persons. Therefore when you pray, watch out because the Lord has sent you. The darkness will tremble. Amen.

¹⁵ So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house."

Gideon (nor ourselves) hadn't the resources on any natural level.

(3) Unity of the Church

¹⁶ And the Lord said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man."

The Lord has poured out for each one of us something of Himself so that together we will know and understand how to defeat the enemy in all his ways and schemes. Right?! Amen.

Now we used to teach this all the time, "having the voice of one man." One of the reasons that the elders here get together every week is not so we can solve all the problems that occur. Not many of those problems are new anyway. Rather it is to *fall in love with each other* and keep a relationship together. Importantly it is nice to know and we also

want to know the voice of the Lord as one man! So when I get behind the pulpit and when I am preaching, even when I am out all by myself, I am not speaking by myself. I am speaking as “one man.” I know that there are those behind me who are praying and saying the same things as “one man.” So you too can go out from your home groups and from other groups you are with, fellowshiping with the Lord and having that kind of Koinonia. God is building you together as “one man.” That man is the expression of the Lord Jesus Christ in you.

That is number Three: One Man, Unity. Not unity as in Evangelical, all the churches getting together. That is just not what we are talking about. That is the wrong road. We don’t want to go down that road. We want to have *actual* unity, the Church speaking as the Lord. Amen. That means we have to follow Him and spend more time with each other.

17 Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. 18 Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set it before You.” . . .

Then Gideon prepared an offering:

. . . “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And he did so.

21 Then the Angel of the Lord put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the Lord departed out of his sight.

Now before that all happened, it would have been enough for me. After all those things happened, interacting with the angel and the Lord, I would think by now I understood what was going on because I am a Spirit filled Christian. However, Gideon was *not*. He’s going to have to take a few lessons here as the Church right now has to . . . learn how to be *led by the Spirit*. Being led by the Spirit is a learning process.

22 Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face.”

Now this is an interesting verse here that was referred to again at the birth of Jesus, making it pretty important is:

23 Then the Lord said to him, "Peace be with you; do not fear, you shall not die."

When you really come face-to-face with the Lord it isn't about building a temple or anything like that. It is more like, "*Am I going to live?!?*"

*24 So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it **The-Lord-Is-Peace**. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

Isn't that what the Angel said when they announced the Lord Jesus? "*Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Man.*" The same concept, same thought, same Spirit. The Lord wants us to know that He is on our side. He wants you there with Him by His side to see what He sees, do what He does. To this day there is that place for us.

Now the Lord gives Gideon some instruction. He does so in Gideon's prayer closet.

25 Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; . . .

So it was the sins of Gideon's father. It wasn't necessarily the sins of Gideon but those who came before him. So we can see the Church today has a lot of sin that you yourself are not responsible for. But, the Lord is making you responsible for it. Gideon could have said, "*I'm sorry that is not my problem.*" No, Jesus says He wants Gideon to be responsible.

26 and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down."

27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants . . .

Isn't that interesting. Gideon said his family was the least and he himself was the least yet he had ten servants!

27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night.

It is important to note this wasn't repulsive to the Lord. He understands that there is a fear factor in the things that He is calling us to

do. If He calls you to get up and share the Word of God and you have never done that before and are afraid, God is not upset with you. He is not at all upset about that.

(4) Overcoming Fear

We have been delivered from fear. So we see that the Church is remembering that it has a purpose. The Church speaks as one man and the Church is overcoming fear. We may still have the symptoms of fear but we are overcoming it. It is going to be alright. We will be fine. I can remember the first wedding I ever did when marrying other couples. There were big families coming. I was so afraid, “*AAAAoooh. Can I really do this*” So I went to the chaplain’s service in the VA where I worked (they were Methodist) and asked if I could borrow their order of service for weddings. I went over that with a fine tooth comb. Even after I got that all ready, I was still nervous!

But when we all got together that day and after worshipping the Lord, all the fear went away. That is because the Spirit of the Lord rushed in. Amen. The Lord said to me, “*What are you afraid of. I am here.*” Isn’t that good?

Well, the men in Gideon’s city didn’t like what he had done.

*³⁰ Then the men of the city said to Joash, “Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has **torn down the altar of Baal**, and because he has cut down the wooden image that was beside it.”*

³¹ But Joash said to all who stood against him, “Would you plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!”

So we see from what Joash says here is what the men of the city feared was not to be feared at all. Joash knew and was waiting and was probably thankful for his son for doing what he did. Just so, this is the same for us. We hear things and when we finally get to that place, the one we fear the most turns out to be our friend. It has happened to me more than once. Usually in Board Meetings and things like that I’ll think, “*Well, I don’t know about that person.*” Actually I didn’t have to worry about that person at all! God changed that mind set for me.

Next we have the real contest:

³³ *Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, the people of the East, gathered together; and they crossed over and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. ³⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, . . .*

So there is an idea here that there has to be a “call” to come together. If the Church is going to give this call, it is not going to be a call from a certain ministry. It is going to be the *Church* that brings the trumpet forth. And so the people of Israel came; all of them came. They sent messengers when they couldn’t be there in person. They came. At this point Gideon knew something is up. God is going to do something. The Midianites are in big trouble! However there is still fear in the uncertainty. And so the Church finds itself today. Most of the prophecies to us on a weekly/daily basis is, “*Don’t be afraid. Take courage. Step forward.*” This is what we hear the Church saying.

³⁶ *So Gideon said to God, “If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said—³⁷ look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.” ³⁸ And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.*

Now we know there are New Testament scriptures that say we shouldn’t test the Lord. But then Gideon thinks this could just be an accident so:

³⁹ *Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew.” ⁴⁰ And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.*

Do you ever do that to the Lord. You see the hand of the Lord and think, “*Naaah. That couldn’t be God.*” I remember once when I crossed over the Poughkeepsie/Highland bridge in the morning. I really needed to hear from the Lord on something. And just then this eagle flew **between** the bridge wires! Right in front of my car! Whoa, that’s God! But later I thought, “*Oh, maybe not.*” Gideon would have asked for two eagles! And so the next day:

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fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew.”⁴⁰ And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

So Gideon had the prophetic reassurance that it was God. Now there are other times the Lord has shown me that He is behind what I am doing. I remember once when we were going through an acrimonious division in the Church. There were terrible things that were being said, totally wrong and evil, dishonest and was breaking up the things God was doing. So I needed to hear from the Lord.

I got it. I was out in the wood pile and this big, giant spider came at me but then a piece of wood came right down on top of it and crushed it. Then I heard the Lord say, *“So shall be your enemies.”* I didn’t ask for that. In fact I prayed right then and there, *“No. Spare them, O God.”* Just like when Moses prayed for the Israelites when God was going to annihilate them all for making a golden calf. *“Wait a minute, God. You called these people and what would the nations say?!”* So I prayed for this person responsible for the Church’s attack and the man didn’t die. But I just knew it was God.

God calls the Church in different ways. This is important to understand. Especially when the leadership say, *“Why can’t everybody be like me? Why can’t everybody be like her? What is the matter with you guys?!”* God has called us in different ways with different talents. Amen.

7¹Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

2And the Lord said to Gideon, “The people who are with you are too many for Me . . .

At this point I would rebuke that remark! I would need all the people I can get to help me. But:

. . . too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’³ Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, ‘Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.’ ” And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

We can see that a lot of them were fearful and afraid. Just so, God calls the Church today and there are still going to be people who are fearful and afraid. That is not going to change. There are always people who are fearful but those people are not going to be on the *first wave* against the enemy's camp. Later on we see that they will rejoin those who go out, but they won't be on the "first wave."

4 But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the Lord said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink." 6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the Lord said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place."

Some were just drinking while the 300 others were drinking *while still looking for the enemy*. The point here is that the remaining guys were aware of the strategies of the enemy and aware of the strategies of God as well! Those are the kind of men and women that God is calling for the first wave to attack the enemy's camp. I believe when we get to our Friday night meetings to praise the Lord and pray, He is preparing us as the 300 men. God is calling who He is calling. It doesn't say that they called themselves. God called them. We may not have a choice about this. . . Every man had his place.

8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

The people were looking down at them and Gideon was still afraid.

9 It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand." 10 But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant,

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So we see that Gideon had one special servant. And you guys who are married know who that is. Right?!

11 and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp.” Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp. 12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to his companion. He said, “I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed.”

14 Then his companion answered and said, “This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp.”

So this is the kind of dreams and conversations that were happening there. We can get an insight, supernaturally, of what the enemy is doing. Don't think you cannot. Oftentimes the Lord will give me an insight of what is happening in our Congress, a major miracle actually as even the news media cannot seem to figure it out. However to those who are Spirit filled and Spirit led, the truth is very obvious.

*15 And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, “Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand.” 16 Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. 17 And he said to them, “Look at me and **do likewise**; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall **do as I do**: 18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, ‘The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!’ ”*

Now he has the 300 men down to three companies of 100. Gideon said for these men to look at him and *do what he did*, very important.

(5) Leading by Example

This is very important. We need to lead by example. We don't necessarily need to lead by instruction but rather by example! Gideon is saying, "*Just do what I do! If you cannot figure it out that is okay. But, just do exactly what I am doing.*" That is why it is important that God called us to a life of holiness, one away from crass living, crass language, etc. "*Do as I do,*" says the Lord.

¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!"

This is the Church having a "cry" that we are given, "***It is the Lord and the Lord only before you. You will feel the sword of the Word of God!***" Now it is different than what Joshua went through. Very different but there are some similarities. If you remember in Joshua chapter 6:

² And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. ³ You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. ⁴ And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. ⁵ It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

Isn't that interesting between this and with Gideon. The priests were leading not Joshua. That distinction was different because what God is doing today is different also, even different from what He did in Gideon's day. The following are still the things we need to know.

- 1) **Remember** where we were and what God delivered us from. I think He's going to give us encouragement along the way.
- 2) **Purpose** We need to know that we are a people of purpose, individuals with purpose. God has called us! We have not called ourselves. God has. Heaven forbid that we would call ourselves. In so many of the

ministries, people think they have to stand up for themselves. If it is “*your* ministry,” it is not going to last. God wants an eternal outcome.

- 3) **Unity**, doing things as one man not on your own, not even on your own discernment, but the discernment with other brothers and sisters. That is why it is so important that we come together on Friday nights and Home Groups, that we pray together to understand the purposes of God. When some of us go to the Chaplain’s prayer group on Zoom at the base at Stewart Airport, it is the same thing. We are really concerned to hear the voice of the Lord as one man. We have that unity. There we have different denominations of all kinds. It is very clear. The command chief was speaking in tongues on one day. I thought he was never going to stop. It is wonderful that God is the One who is bringing together the Church! The Unity of “one man.” On an Air Force base?! But God did it and is doing it there. It is the same thing He is doing here in this Church. We don’t have a sign on the door saying “members only,” but if you are committed to the Lord, you are welcome here. If you follow the Lord, we are with you, right there.
- 4) **Fearless** We need to overcome the fear of men, of situations, of circumstances. I believe that there is real fear out there. I don’t see anyone building bomb shelters or anything but there is a sense of “who knows what is coming.” What is going to happen in the Mid-East? Some of these nations have nuclear weapons that we would never have allowed in the 50’s and 60’s. But now?! They are equipped.
- 5) **Examples** We need to be an example. The elders are examples. Those in the Home Group, and you, individually are examples. Where does this really play out at the most important level? It plays out to our children. We are an example to them. And too, my grandchildren. I am an example to them. They have certain rules they follow at their own house, but when they come to mine, I have certain rules also. Grandfathers tend to have stricter rules! So my grandson Luke will say to me, “*Well we are allowed to do that at home.*” But I say, “*No. Not here because I am leading you by example.*”

We can look further into Gideon’s story, in verse 24, as the Midianite’s swords were turned against each other and they killed each other off, just as much as the people of Israel, just so, the enemy will be to us. We will see the destruction of the enemy right before our eyes. Haven’t we already seen some of that in the Mid-East?

But then in the end we see as with Gideon, the Lord calls the *whole* Church, not just the ones who were brave, not just the ones who were discerning, but also the ones who were fearful and were just turned away.

To the ones who didn't know better, God calls them in on the spoils of the battle. So you can now call in the entire Church and say, "*Come on. Let's feast on what the Lord has given us and provided for us this day.*" I believe one the wonderful and most beautiful thing that God has given us to feed the Church with is *worship*. It is without a doubt? It is worship. In the days of the past, there was the orchestra; the sounds that came forth were beautiful. I don't know if King David with his modified guitar had that, not that he wouldn't have minded the trumpet.

But orchestras are just beautiful music. I used to be blown away by those things in operas from the past. But now there is a *new song* that's being sung. And new song is being sung. It is food for the whole Church even those who don't deserve it are going to partake. Amen.

Gideon a type of the Church, thank You, Lord.

Father, I ask you to deliver us from fears of the enemy. That You would bring us to that place that You have called us even more. Our Home Groups would flourish, our time on Friday night would flourish. What a wonderful time it is before You, O God! That Your Spirit would fill us anew! Even those who have been filled with the Spirit think that they have seen it all. But there is going to be MORE. More. Thank You, O God. Amen.