

# Trust God, Abandon Pride!

Judges 6:1–7:22

[**Gideon's Call, Skepticism and Panic, God's Reassurances, Gideon's Pride**]

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

## SERMON OUTLINE

### I. GIDEON'S ALARM

- A. Background: Israel's evildoing, divine punishment & rebuke (6:1–10)
- B. Gideon's three **skeptical** responses (6:11–24)
- C. Gideon's **doubt**: twice testing God (6:35–40)
- D. Gideon's **fear** following a divine pruning of his army (7:1–15)

### II. GOD'S ASSURANCE

- A. God's **reassurance** of His presence & Gideon's success (6:11–24)
- B. God's responses to Gideon's tests (6:35–40)
- C. God's confirmation of Gideon's victory through a dream (7:1–15)

### III. GIDEON'S ARROGANCE

- A. God's defeat of Midian; Gideon and his passive "war" (7:16–22)
- B. Gideon's arrogation of honor (7:18)

### IV. APPLICATION: TRUST GOD, ABANDON PRIDE!

- A. How we can overcome the prideful delusion of our own abilities.

## SERMON NOTES

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### NEXT WEEK:

**Cultivating Humility & Curbing Ambition**

Judges 7:23–8:32