

# KILL THE INNER CHICKEN

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## Break the Ice.

- What's your favorite chicken dish?

## Scripture

**JUDGES 6** *1The Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight. So the LORD handed them over to the Midianites for seven years. 2The Midianites were so cruel that the Israelites made hiding places for themselves in the mountains, caves, and strongholds. 3Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, marauders from Midian, Amalek, and the people of the east would attack Israel, 4camping in the land and destroying crops as far away as Gaza. They left the Israelites with nothing to eat, taking all the sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys. 5These enemy hordes, coming with their livestock and tents, were as thick as locusts; they arrived on droves of camels too numerous to count. And they stayed until the land was stripped bare. 6 So Israel was reduced to starvation by the Midianites. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help. 7When they cried out to the LORD because of Midian, 8the LORD sent a prophet to the Israelites. He said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of slavery in Egypt. 9I rescued you from the Egyptians and from all who oppressed you. I drove out your enemies and gave you their land. 10I told you, 'I am the LORD your God. You must not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you now live.' But you have not listened to me." 11Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. 12The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!" 13"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites." 14Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"*

## Observe.

- What ruthless nation has decimated Israel?
- How does the Bible describe the Midianites and the ordeal of the Israelites under them? What caused Midian to rise over Israel?
- Based on Pastor's message, the spiritual condition of Israel is displayed in the following realities: 1) Calling on God for help, yet keeping their idols. 2) Living with their own fears instead of fighting them. 3) No one was brave enough to even fight. What areas/realities are you able to relate with?
- What did you learn about Gideon from Sunday's message? What excuses did he give God when he first received God's call?
- Name the steps Pastor Jon gave on how Gideon killed his inner chicken.
- What was the significance of Gideon smashing the idols of Israel? Share what you've learned on how Gideon and his 300 men won defeated the Midianites.

## Apply.

- What big insecurity holds you back from what God is calling you to do?
- How can you apply the steps Pastor Jon gave on how to kill your inner chicken?
- Pastor Jon said, "You can't expect God to help you win your battles until you smash your idols." Consider the significance of this statement in your own life.
- Read 2 Peter 1:3. What spiritual resources are you underutilizing as you're engaging in the spiritual battle? How can you make better use of that underutilized resources going forward?
- Every warrior's greatest pain is regret. What would be your greatest regret at the end of this year if you don't take action on it?
- What battle is God calling you to fight this week? What has been the longest time war you are fighting in your own life and how do you plan to end it?
- Read Judges 8:4. Pastor said, "You don't want to be that fighter who has tons of unfinished businesses!" Name some practical steps on how you can win your unfinished fights. What "Jordans" is God telling you to cross?

## Pray.

