

God is Moving

Let's Join Him

I. Characteristics of God In Motion

A. Watch, Listen, Think, & Act

B. New Kind of Heroes

C. Principle of Separation

Judges 7:7–8 (NIV®)

⁷ The Lord said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place." ⁸ So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others. Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley.

Luke 13:22–24 (NIV®)

²² Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem.

²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."

D. Expression of Grace

Judges 6:6–8 (NIV®)

⁶ Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help. ⁷ When the Israelites cried to the Lord because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a prophet...

Romans 5:8 (NIV®)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

E. High Value of Discipline

Hebrews 5:7–9 (NIV®)

⁷ During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and **he was heard because of his reverent submission**. ⁸ Although he was a son, **he learned obedience** from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

F. Enemies Present

Psalm 23:5–6 (NIV®)

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

G. Status Quo is Redefined

Acts 2:36–38 (NIV®)

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

H. Great Effort Required

2 Corinthians 11:27 (NIV®)

I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

I. Victory Makes You Vulnerable

Judges 8:1 (NIV®)

Now the Ephraimites asked Gideon, “Why have you treated us like this? Why didn’t you call us when you went to fight Midian?” And they criticized him sharply.

Judges 8:27 (NIV®)

Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.