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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

\*\*Romans 1:16\*\*

## **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE**

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE -** Check out our Welcome Counter for info on the nursery and kids' options during the service.

**E-GIVING -** northparkepc.org/give

WIFI AVAILABLE - Our NPC Guest password is Welcome!

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

# INVOCATION MUSICAL PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King Christ Our Hope in Life and Death | Let Us Adore

**PRAYER** 

SCRIPTURE READING | 1 John 4:13-21
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT | Stephen Ministry Skit Video

Kids age 3-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will join us for the entire service today.

This gives our beloved caregivers and Kids' Worship leaders a week off and allows you to welcome our youngest ones to worship with us.

**PRAYER** 

**SONG** | Jesus Paid It All

GREETING

SERMON | Judges 6:11-40 | The Call to Courage SONG | The Battle Belongs to the Lord

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#### THE CALL TO COURAGE

## **TAYLOR BROWN | JUDGES 6:11-40**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES | English Standard Version is used unless otherwise indicated

#### JUDGES 6:11-40

<sup>11</sup>Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." <sup>13</sup>And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." <sup>14</sup>And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." <sup>16</sup>And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup>Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

<sup>19</sup>So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. <sup>20</sup>And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. <sup>21</sup>Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. <sup>22</sup>Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." <sup>23</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." <sup>24</sup>Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

<sup>36</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said, <sup>37</sup>behold, I am laying a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you have said." <sup>38</sup>And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. <sup>39</sup>Then Gideon said to God, "Let not your anger burn against me; let me speak just once more. Please let me test just once more with the fleece. Please let it be dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground let there be dew." <sup>40</sup>And God did so that night; and it was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

#### **OUTLINE**

I Shouldn't Fear...

I. Because God is	(6:11-24)
II. Because God is	(6:25-35)
III. Because God is	(6:36-40

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your Stephen Ministers are ready to skillfully care for you, a loved one or a friend. Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one, lay Christian care. These relationships are to be marked by grace-based acceptance, confidentiality, empathy, trust, and listening. See Mark Sharpnack (marksharpnack@northaprkepc.org) for details or to take the next step.

#### **VBS DONATIONS WANTED**

There are several things left on our donations list for VBS. Please take a look and consider donating today! See the church website (northparkepc.org/vbs) to find a Google DOC that is updated in real time. Questions? See Kelly Laird (kellylaird@northparkepc.org).

#### **CAR WASH FUNDRAISER**

# SATURDAY, JUNE 4 | 9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. | NPC

Student Ministry will hold a car wash in the church parking lot to raise money for the youth group's summer mission trip to Appalachia. There will be no fixed rate but we will accept donations. Baked goods and refreshments will be on sale as well. Questions? See Taylor Brown (taylorbrown@northparkepc.org).

#### **SHARING YOUR FAITH MADE EASY**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | 11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

Sharing your faith can be intimidating. Pastor Ben (benburkholder@northparkepc.org) would love to help you feel confident and encouraged about sharing your faith so you are invited for a training session that will give you the tools to share the Gospel in just a few minutes. Childcare will be provided.

#### **COLLEGE & CAREERS SUMMER SCHEDULE**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | 11:00 A.M. | ROOM 110

The College & Careers ministry welcomes all those who fall between the ages of high school graduation and 29ish for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Questions? See Gary Laird (glaird@edenca.org).

#### **NEW SUMMER MEN'S GROUP OPPORTUNITY**

EVERY OTHER MONDAY, JUNE 6 - AUGUST 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. | NPC LOBBY

We plan to meet every other Monday and will be discussing the book, You Are Not Your Own. Questions or to sign up, email Pastor Ben (benburkholder@northparkepc.org).

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