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Sermon – Gideon – Spiritual Caution (Wk 5 of Pastor's Heros)

Scripture – Judges 6, 7, 8, 1 John 4:1

Main Message – Once Gideon knew the message was from the Lord, he threw caution to the wind.

There is a time for all things under the sun. Sometimes one must be cautious. Sometimes one must throw caution to the wind. Know the time. Gideon was such a man.

Consider the following. Gideon threshed wheat in a wine press to hide it from the Midianites. He went under the cover of darkness to destroy the altar of Baal and the Ashera pole set up by his own father. Like others, when God told him he would smite the Midianites to a man he was very humble in his response. Also, Gideon tested the spirit of what was being said in a proper way. He did not want to be deceived by a false spirit, so he asked God to show him his power in a way that was not self-serving. He simply wanted a fleece laid upon the ground to be dry when the ground was wet and wet when the ground was dry.

God did that for him and then Gideon knew the Spirit telling him to do these things was of the Lord. Then there was nothing but boldness.

He relentlessly pursued the entire host and destroyed them all. He threw caution to the wind and exhausted himself and his men to fully accomplish the deed.

Then he would go on to judge Israel for the next 40 years and there would be peace. Of course, which the book of judges is all about, Israel sinned again and they would get overrun by another army.

Gideon is an interesting story. Forget for a moment that God picked for him 300 men to do this remarkable deed. Consider how a cautious man turned into a Lion when he knew God was with him. We also need to discern that God is with us and certainly in the name of Jesus. I'll remind you that God told us several times in the Bible that He will NEVER leave you NOR forsake you as you go about doing HIS work. Test the Spirit to know that it is of God. Then don't hold back, don't doubt, and never ever give up.

I've never really smiled to myself when I've been cautious. It is far more fun, when you are in God's will, to throw caution to the wind.

Be a Gideon.