

A REAL BIG GOD

PART 2: From Hesitant To Confident

A GROWING REALITY OF GOD

A. Growth is a process that takes place realtime with influencing factors beyond our control

1. Pressures of life
2. Competing voices
3. Constantly changing environment - often with a negative bent

B. What we can control (*Mark 4:24 NASB*)

1. The content we chose to focus our attention upon
2. The level of attention we give
3. Big benefits from focusing on God's word (*Isaiah 26:3 NKJV*)

A HESITANT MAN MAKES A CONNECTION

A. Gideon, an unlikely hero

1. Began with a negative perspective of God and of himself
2. Was empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead but was still afraid
3. But he kept following and obeying God

B. Gideon makes a major connection with God (*Judges 7:9-15 NKJ*)

1. God had promised Gideon a successful outcome against the enemy
2. He was instructed to hear what amounted to a confirmation of the same thing God said

C. Gideon's actions revealed a connected heart

1. He worshipped God
2. He finally agreed with God

GROWING FROM HESITANT TO CONFIDENT IN THE REALITY AND SCOPE OF GOD

A. Become very selective as to what input you choose to focus

1. What you give your attention will play a large role in what you experience
2. The best focus point is what God has said in His word

B. Learn to worship God

1. Worship acknowledges and honors Him
2. Worship helps make Him bigger and more of a reality in your life (*Psalms 34:1-3 NKJ*)

C. Line your words up to agree with Him

1. Doing a speech inventory will be an enlightening position
2. A big part of the growth process is when your words begin to change (*Proverbs 18:21 NKJ*)