

# “Keeping a God Perspective”

*Series: Got Jesus?*

## Sermon Outline Notes

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

### 1. Self Perception – Who I am in God’s eyes

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.”

Judges 6:12

- **A God of “biased” affection**

What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.

Psalm 8:4, 6

- **Military metaphor**

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.

2 Timothy 2:3-4

### 2. Life Direction – What are my life priorities

So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD is Peace.

Judges 6:24a

- **Give a “living sacrifice” to the Lord**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1

- **Tear down the altars of culture**

Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then build a proper kind of altar to the LORD your God on the top of this height.

Judges 6:25b-26a

### 3. Community Connection – Am I on a winning team

Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

- **God’s sifting process (32,000 to 300)**

Announce now to the people, “Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.” So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

Judges 7:3

- **Communitas versus crowds**

The LORD said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men that I lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his own place.”

Judges 7:7