

BIG: How Big Is Your God?

(Judges 6:1-16)

Introduction.

Not long after the Memphis Grizzlies NBA franchise moved into FedEx Arena in Memphis, Tennessee, I had the opportunity to attend a game. Even from my nosebleed” seats, I was struck by how big those guys on the court were. Television skews that. NBA players are all freaks of nature!

I also remember thinking, if we had just one of those guys on our church league team, we would be invincible. Even one of the middle-sized guys would be big enough to make a difference in our league.

“Sometimes we look at our situations, our circumstances, our past, our problems, our future and we become very uneasy. If we are honest with ourselves, sometimes we think that God just isn’t big enough to deal with all our troubles or worries. Sometimes we forget that He paid it all on the cross. Sometimes we look at our mountain and think that it is bigger than God” - Craig Groeschel

“The way we live is the consequence of our perception of the size of our God. The problem is that our perception of God is too small. We are not confident that we are safe in the hands of a fully competent, all-knowing, ever-present, extravagant-loving God that is so big” – John Ortberg

When I go through the day with a shrunken view of God, there are consequences.

- When I have a need, I find it unnatural to pray.
- When I face temptation, I will feel helpless against it.
- When I have a chance to get credit at work, I seize it because I don’t trust a God that sees in secret and rewards openly.
- When someone gets made at me, I reverse my course or become overly anxious because I forget that God’s opinion is the only one that matters.

Introduce “God Is Big Enough” sermon series

Contextualize Judges 6

I. The Peril of An Underestimated God

Principle: A shrunken view of God results in fear and anxiety.

- A) Evidenced by Israel’s Disobedience (6:1-6)
- B) Evidenced by Gideon’s Questions (6:13)
- C) Evidenced by Gideon’s Unwillingness (6:15)

II. The Power of A Big God

Principle: When God is involved, what is unthinkable on your part becomes unstoppable on God’s part!

- A) Proven by the Prophet (6:7-10)
- B) Proclaimed by the Lord (6:110-12, 14)

III. The Product of A Right View of God

Principle: What ever your need, God is bigger! What ever your weakness God is stronger!

- A) God Went Ahead of Them (6:12-14)
- B) God Went With Them (6:15-23)
- C) God Won The Victory For Them (6:24-25)

Conclusion