



Press In Print

News and information from the President's Office
assembled by Dale Galusha and Gina Duncan

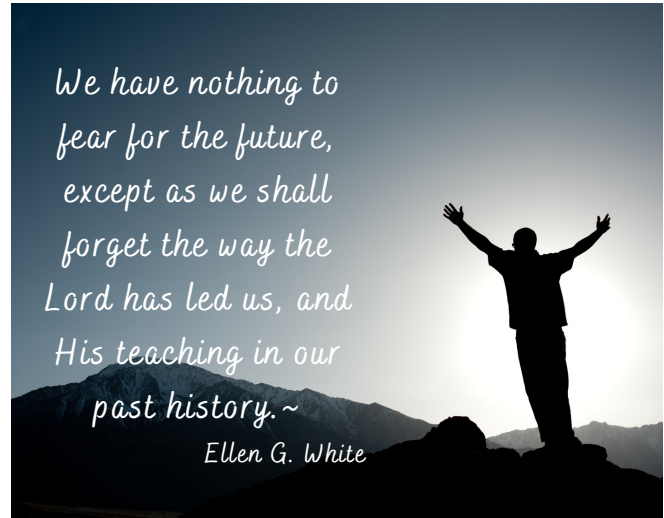
Gideonites?

Recently one of our co-workers shared a devotional thought they had written as they thought of our work and mission at Pacific Press. The author wished to stay anonymous. But a huge thank you for writing it—and encouraging all of us as we go about the responsibilities God has given to each of us!

The strength of our workforce, with God's help, can achieve that which He would have us do. Remember Gideon; perhaps we should get a wearable badge that says "Gideonite" to remind us of his story. You know, the few that the Lord used to show His power to achieve His purpose.

Frustrations may mount as we face what seems an insurmountable mountain of problems: pandemic, paper mills closing, supply chain shortages, trucking-industry inadequacies, clogged shipping docks, family issues that no one else is even aware of, and the growing concern of, "Am I adequate for the task?". Our human perspective makes it difficult to see how this eternally critical work can possibly be accomplished.

Consider that of Gideon. Scenario: God calls an apparent faithless man, invisible in the Biblical narrative up to that point, cowering from his enemies. He wouldn't even believe an angel, but did ask a profound question:



"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?" [1]

Have you asked that same question, "If the Lord is with us, why?"

Still, God saw something in that cowardly Gideon and patiently worked with him. And, after Gideon does some "menial, house-cleaning chores" for God, God asks him to do the impossible: fight the powerful, enemy invaders. So, Gideon gives a call to arms and 32,000 men show up ready for battle. Not bad, but upon mustering the troops Gideon had doubts because he demanded even more signs - and God again provided them.

Gideon, now somewhat confident, marched off with his army.

After making camp for the night, God informs him that he needs to tell anyone who is scared to go home. And you think you have problems? For Gideon, that “anyone” turned out to be over two-thirds of his army; 22,000 of those “brave” men headed for home! But, as you know, the trimming of the troop was not complete, and in the end only 300 had their heart in the battle.

The Bible does not criticize those who left the conflict, and those faint-hearted surely heard of God’s great victory through Gideon and were blessed as a result of it. Maybe some of those 30,000 + who departed the ranks hid in the hills around the Midian camp to see the outcome. If so, they even got to witness God’s - impossible victory? No, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”[2]

Hearing, seeing and being blessed by God’s gracious miracles is incredible. But remember that it was only those whose heart was in the battle got to BE the miracle.

Those of us who have the opportunity to continue to work at Pacific Press have the privilege of being the miracle. God looks beyond our feelings of discouragement and inadequacies and sees something that causes Him to extend an invitation to each worker here to hold the lantern high – and watch Him work. And don’t ever forget, “All His [God’s] biddings are enablings.”[3]

The miracle that God performs for us may not look like what anyone expects. We may not be privileged to see or even hear about it. We may not sense its blessing, but it is a miracle none the less. It may be an exhausted day-laborer, that child or teen, who God was able to reach because, “by chance,” they picked up a product into which you poured your heart. Every single piece of literature leaving our facility is a potential miracle, a miracle that God uses you to perform.

There are so many lessons in the story of Gideon; perhaps the greatest is that, in spite of all his doubting and hesitation, Gideon ended up being counted among the very faithful right along with people like Abraham. Faith may seem illusive when that seemingly impossible mountain of work only seems to grow each day. Sometimes it even may seem that, not only must we make the bricks, we must gather our own straw too. But you and I “are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”[4] Abraham, in being asked to sacrifice his own son, a task infinitely more difficult than just gathering his own straw, also uttered some profound words. When confronted with his mount of impossibility, he said, “God will provide.”[5]

On our individual, and collective, mount of impossibility we need to take that same stand. So instead of wearing a badge that says, “Gideonite,” maybe we need to take to heart the stories of Gideon, Abraham and “so great a cloud of witnesses”[6], and start waving the banner that shouts “Jehovah-jireh.”

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”[7]

[1] The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Judges 6:13). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

[2] The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Matthew 19:26). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

[3] White, E. G. (1900). Christ’s Object Lessons (p. 333). Review and Herald Publishing Association.

[4] The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Galatians 4:7). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

[5] The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Genesis 22:8). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

[6] The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Hebrews 12:1-3). (2016). Crossway Bibles.

[7] White, E. G. (1915). Life Sketches of Ellen G. White (p. 196). Pacific Press Publishing Association.



Service Awards

by Dale Galusha

All of us who are employed at Pacific Press are engaged in an enterprise near and dear to God's heart. The publishing house is "God's appointed instrumentality," Ellen White wrote, "over which He has a constant, watchful care." (Letter 27, 1896). What a mission and a promise we have as we carry out our responsibilities!

It has long been our practice here at Pacific Press to recognize and honor employees for their years of dedicated service by giving out service award pins at the first chapel of each new year. An employee receives his/her first award after 5 years of service, with subsequent pins given to recognize service in 5-year increments.

Since we are not having in-person chapels right now, Kirsten, along with management, walked through the building last week giving out this year's service award pins.

I want to personally say a BIG "Thank You" to each person on this list—and express my appreciation to all of our employees for what you do each day to further the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through the ministry of Pacific Press!



Those receiving pins this year are:

5 years:

Christina Jeans
Gene Herbel
Peter Smith
Robert Hastings



10 years:

Don Anderson
Steven Mills



15 years:

Dave Gatton
Diana Sayles
Harold Curtis
Olga Valdivia
Steven Reedy



25 years:

Dallas Kulp



30 years:

Anita Seymour
Donna Hessel



40 years:

Dan Wegh
Joe Gutierrez
Roberto Chavez

