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Scott's Thoughts



“And the Lord turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel?”

Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.””
(Judges 6:14–15, ESV)

My thoughts today started when I read a short news article. The headline read “The Car That Saved Ford.” It was an article about the 1949 Model Ford. Like all automobile makers Ford struggled after WWII. All they could offer were warmed over 1941 models. Add to that Edsel Ford, the president of the company, died in 1943 during the war. Henry Ford took the company reins again for a time then, at age twenty-eight Henry Ford II took over. The company was not doing well and if he didn’t get the model launched successfully and on time it could have been the end of Ford Motor Company.

The 1949 Model Ford went on to be the best-selling car that year. We all like to hear success stories when things are snatched from the jaws of defeat. Success happened for Ford, only because he had a great team effort. Henry Ford at age twenty-eight was smart enough to know that he didn’t know enough to do all that would be necessary to save the company. So, he went out and hired a group of men, who were coming out of military service, because he knew they collectively had what it would take to navigate the rough road ahead. Ford produced

a totally new model from the ground up in eighteen months and as they said, the rest is history.

Henry Ford II became a savior for his company. From time to time, we have all dreamed of being a savior, I said “DREAMED”. What did it take to be a savior? It depended on the situation. Maybe the first thing we should considered is the size of the task. To have helped someone with a flat tire or to have given someone a jump start was one thing but to have jumped into the middle of a horrible situation was entirely different.

Another savior was mentioned in the verse above. God told this young man to “Go . . . save Israel.” This seemed like an impossible task meant for someone who was great. Gideon was the least in the smallest tribe. He hid in a wine press. I believe he hid because he was truly being humble. Even though God reassured him, Gideon needed more assurance and asked for a test that proved he would succeed. Two tests later, Because of God Gideon became a savior who led the battle and saved the Israelites.

My recommendation for us to be successful saviors today is to take the promises God has already made and charge forward with them. We have enough evidence from the past to know that God keeps His promises. Remember we all have within ourselves the ability to accomplish any task God asks of us. We have no reason to doubt because we have a living Savior.

“And the Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.”” (Judges 6:16, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott