



## “Lord, Hold My Head High!”

*Then Gideon asked Zebah and Zalmunna, “The men you killed at Tabor—what were they like?”*

*“Like you,” they replied. “They all had the look of a king’s son.”*  
*Judges 8:18 (NLT)*

The look of a king’s son??

Is this the same Gideon the angel of the Lord found threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide from the Midianites? Hardly. Back then he more closely resembled a slave. Though freed from Egyptian slavery and given their own land, the Israelites had fallen back. Ignoring the Lord’s instructions, they’d embraced the idols of the land. Gideon illustrated the consequence; he’d lost the look of the King’s son.

*The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"*

*... Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!" (Judges 6:12, 14)*

Facing starvation (physically and spiritually), the Israelites cried for help. Mercifully, the Lord intervened by awakening Gideon...

In other words, "Gideon, step up and mobilize! I have a Mission for you, a Mission fit for only for the King's son. You already have the strength." ...It was time for Gideon to regain his rightful look.

You too have been freed from slavery... have you fallen back? Check your look! Is it that of the King's son or daughter? Once again, great numbers of the Lord's people are spiritually starving, countless others remain lost. Mercifully, he intervenes to wake us. Have you heard his call? "Step up and mobilize! I have a Mission for you, a Mission fit only for the King's son or daughter. You already have the strength." Is it time for you to regain your rightful look?

**Reflect: Have I lost the look of the King's son or daughter?**

Oh, you say, "That's Gideon's story... who am I compared to him? What do I have to offer? What could be so important for me to do?"

*“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!” (Judges 6:15)*

Do your thoughts resemble Gideon’s... disbelief mixed with fear? Might you have forgotten that you’re the King’s son or daughter and equipped with the strength that comes therewith?

Consider the Lord’s response to Gideon... (perhaps he’s responding to you similarly?)

*The Lord said to him, “I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man.” (Judges 6:16)*

My paraphrase... “I’m the King and you’re my son. I have a Mission for you. Regain your rightful look and go!”

Frankly, the Lord cares little about who you or the world thinks you are. What matters is who he says you are. Will you conduct your life in this truth?

**Consider: Advancing my Mission requires me to have the look of the King’s son or daughter.**

Take a moment to brainstorm... What words capture the look of the King’s son or daughter? ...their face, their posture, their presence?

...Noble, confident, joyful, bright, cheerful, humble, forceful, loving, friendly, worry free, generous, bold, fun, calm... come to mind. Would they not have a striking resemblance to the King himself? They'd have the look of one whose head is held high!

Create your own list. Consider it... Have you been conducting your life with this look?

***Imagine: I've regained my rightful look and my Mission is advancing.***

Honestly, the Lord has challenged me. As I write this, I find myself falling way short... again! How about you? Is it even possible to will ourselves to have the look of a King's son or daughter?

*"But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high. I cried out to the Lord, and he answered me from his holy mountain.*

*I lay down and slept, yet I woke up in safety, for the Lord was watching over me. I am not afraid of ten thousand enemies who surround me on every side." King David (Psalm 3:3-6)*

David shows us the answer... a resounding "No!" Facing the taunts of his enemies, he cried, "Lord, hold my head high!" The Lord responded and David regained the look of the King's son. There's only one source for all we need, right?! Trust him in this.

When on Mission, like David, you will surely find yourself falling back. Routinely, check your look! Is it that of the King's son or daughter? If not, go into a room, close the door, drop to your knees, and cry out...

### **"Lord, Hold My Head High!"**

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

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#### **Coach's Questions**

- Create a list of words describing the look of the King's son or daughter. Check myself against it.
- Does my look resemble that of a King's son or daughter?
- What will I do to regain my rightful look?

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### **The Lord Gives Me the Confidence of the King's Son or Daughter**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.*

*King David | Psalm 27:1-3 (NLT)*



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