

ANNOUNCEMENTS

07.12.2026

TCCO KIDS PARENTS: All parents of kids 5th grade & under, be sure to look for an email that gets sent out at the beginning of the month with info on what your child is currently learning in TCCO Kids. It includes the memory verse of the month (so you can help them practice at home), ideas for ways to continue the conversation and engage with your child about the Bible stories they learned and any other important TCCO Kids info. Also, parents of 3yr olds-5th graders, make sure you are getting the handout from your child's teacher at pick-up time each Sunday with more resources for you! Contact elaine@theconnecting.co with any questions.

JOHN 3:16 SERVING OPPORTUNITY: Join others from TCCO from 5:30-7:30pm on the 4th Friday of each month to serve dinner to the shelter guests with our local outreach partner John 3:16 Mission. All volunteers 16 & older are welcome, and students ages 12-15 can serve with a parent. The next serve opportunity is Fri. 7/24! Contact Sarah Simpson to sign up to serve, or with any questions at outreach@theconnecting.co.

ANNUAL DREAM TEAM APPRECIATION PARTY: All TCCO Dream Team members and your families are invited to join us Thurs. 7/30, 6:30-8:30pm at TCCO for our DREAM TEAM ROUND-UP! We have a super fun western themed party planned for you all...a delicious bbq dinner, desserts, games, prizes, music, entertainment, and several fun surprises! Everyone is welcome to come dressed in your favorite western attire, or whatever you are most comfortable in! This event is FREE for everyone who served in any capacity at TCCO in the last year...this is our "thank you" gift to you! Childcare will be provided for 5th grade and under (pizza dinner provided for kids). RSVP using the QR code/registration link provided, no later than Sun. 7/26. Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

SPONSOR TCCO'S UPCOMING EVENTS: All TCCO business owners who feel led are invited to help support our TCCO events throughout the year (Party on the Lawn, Marriage Conference, SHE, etc.). If you would like to contribute through a monetary donation, sponsoring a specific part of an event, or by donating goods or services to be used as prizes/giveaways for an upcoming event, please contact allison@arcobuilding.com at any time. Thank you for making our community stronger through your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE:

Fri. 7/24, John 3:16 Serving Opportunity, 5:30-7:30pm
Wed. 7/29, TCCO Students Summer Connect, 6:30-8:00pm
Fri. 8/21, Summer SHE Night, 6:30-8:30pm
Sat. 8/22, TCCO Men's Breakfast, 9:00am



FEARLESS

**"Don't Be Afraid.
You May Be Weak,
But God Is Strong."**

Shelby Gardner



**we exist to
connect people
to Jesus and
each other**

FEARLESS — Week 1
“Don’t Be Afraid. You May Be Weak, But God Is Strong.”
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Judges 6:11–27 — ¹¹ Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.” ¹³ And Gideon said to him, “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, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” ¹⁴ 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?” ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ And the Lord said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.” ¹⁷ And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me.” ¹⁸ Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.” ¹⁹ So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah [b] of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. ²⁰ And the angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. ²¹ Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. ²² Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord. And Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face.” ²³ But the Lord said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.” ²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and called it, The Lord Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites. ²⁵ That night the Lord said to him, “Take your father’s bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it” ²⁶ and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” ²⁷ So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

Three things unchecked fear can rob from us:

1. It robs us of our joy.
2. It robs us of our hope.
3. It robs us of our identity.

1: GOD SEES MORE IN YOU THAN YOU SEE IN YOURSELF.

God is not describing who Gideon is. He is declaring who Gideon will become, because of God Himself.

“God sees us not as we are, but as we can become through His grace.” — Warren Wiersbe

2: GOD IS NOT AFRAID OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

God dismantles Gideons fear by way of His presence.

3: GOD’S PRESENCE PRODUCES PEACE.

God does not merely give peace. He is peace.

4: COURAGE BEGINS WITH THE NEXT ACT OF OBEDIENCE.

The first battle is not public. It is private.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is obedience in spite of it.

Courage is what proves you actually are what you say you are.

“I will be with you.”
