

ANNOUNCEMENTS

07.26.2026

TCCO BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLY OUTREACH: Be a part of helping us provide backpacks and school supplies for children/students in need to start the school year well! Get involved in 3 ways: (1) Sign-up if you have a student in need of a backpack filled with grade-level appropriate school supplies; email outreach@theconnecting.co by 8/2. (2) Donate money to help sponsor a backpack for a child/student by 8/9, put “backpacks” in the memo, approx. \$75-\$100 per student. (3) Sponsor a backpack: shop for all the items for a specific student, return by 8/9. Questions? Contact Sarah Simpson (918-706-2642).

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 **TODAY!** Contact brittany@theconnecting.co with any questions.

SUMMER SHE EVENT: All women ages 16 and older are invited to join us for our next Ladies Night on Fri. 8/21, 6:30–8:30pm at TCCO. We'll enjoy delicious appetizers, meaningful worship, an encouraging devotional, and a hands-on craft while connecting with other amazing women. Invite all the women in your life to join you! Please register using the QR code by Tues. 8/18. Childcare will not be provided. However, if childcare is preventing you from attending, please reach out to one of our staff ladies—we'd love to help if we're able. Questions? Contact brittany@theconnecting.co.

TCCO MEN'S QUARTERLY BREAKFAST: All Men 16 & older are invited to join us Sat. 8/22 at 9am at TCCO. Don't miss out on great coffee, pancakes, bacon, eggs, a powerful devotion and a perfect opportunity to connect & grow together with other men! Use the QR code to register, no later than Thurs. 8/20. Invite all the men in your life to join you! Questions? Contact walter@theconnecting.co.

SAVE THE DATE:

Wed. 7/29, TCCO Students Summer Connect, 6:30-8:00pm

Wed. 8/19, TCCO Students Fall Semester Kick-Off, 6:30-8:00pm



FEARLESS

“Reduced, Broken, Victorious”

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FEARLESS — Week 3
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Judges 7:19-25 —¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!” ²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. ²² When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man’s sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah,[a] as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. ²³ And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian. ²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, “Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan.” So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan. ²⁵ And they captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the winepress of Zeeb. Then they pursued Midian, and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon across the Jordan.

- God isn’t just in the victory, He is in every small decision leading up to it as well.
- God’s delays are not His absence—they’re often His strategy.
- Sometimes, God doesn’t remove the fog. He asks us to trust that the shore is there anyway.
- The very thing the enemy uses to destroy you, God can use for your victory.
- While we measure what is visible, God measures what is possible.

2 Corinthians 4:7 — *But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.*

- Through our breaking is where the world gets to see God’s light and victory.
- Maybe the greatest evidence that God is preparing you isn’t everything He’s adding to your life—it’s what He’s asking you to let go of.
- God just wanted their surrender.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Where did you most identify with Gideon?
2. What area of your life feels impossible?
3. Who have you written off that God is actually still pursuing?
