

Gideon was hidden from his enemies, threshing wheat on the floor of the winepress, when God said he was to deliver the people of Israel from the Midianites. But Gideon was insecure and didn't feel qualified to do anything great. The threshing floor was where the wheat was separated from the chaff, and symbolically it became the place where God separated Gideon from what was limiting him. When God called him a "mighty hero", it separated him from his low expectations and small dreams, and empowered him to great valour.

As believers we all go through the threshing floor of difficulties because God is preparing us. He is separating what is holding you back, and you are about to see new growth, new opportunities, new relationships. You are coming out refined, polished, stronger, matured. On the threshing floor, God will stir up your talents, gifts and confidence. So stop complaining about how big the obstacles and challenges are. If you embrace the threshing floor, you will be promoted to a new level that you otherwise never would have been.

Judges 6:11-12 "...Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said: "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!""