

Gideon II God's Strength in the Weak

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What was Gideon's attitude about being chosen as Israel's deliverer?

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Judges 7:1-22; 8:22-28

7:1-8a Too Many Soldiers

A little math. What percentage of the original force were left to fight? How would you have felt as one of the remaining ones? As one of those sent home?

Key Verse: verse 2

Why did the LORD not want Israel to have a large army?

Let's put it positively. What did the LORD want to accomplish by sending Israel to war with a small army?

Take a look at Deuteronomy 8:17-18 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

7:8b-15 Wonder Bread

Why did the LORD send Gideon down to the Midianite camp?

Barley - an inferior grain. What is that significance?

Key Verse: verse 15

What is Gideon's response to what he heard? Two answers?

God sends encouragers into our lives? Who have these encouragers helped or inspired you to do?

7:16-22 Midnight Midianites on the Run

What would your reaction have been when you heard your commander's orders?

Luke 12:32

8:22-28 Gideon's Ephod - What's That?!

An "ephod" is _____

The good, the bad. What could you attribute this to?
The establishment of a parallel religious establishment. The significance of the ephod was grasped by Israel.

Key Verse: 27

In the wider context of Scripture, what are some of the human relationships God uses as metaphors to express his relationship with us?

In verse 27, what relationship word does God use to describe idolatry?

Comment on the relationship language God uses, and what that means to us.

SUMMARY OF GIDEON

What admirable qualities?

Where can you identify with Gideon? Positively/Negatively?

What contradictions do you see in Gideon?

What contradictions do you see in God? (Hebrews 11:32,39-40)

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