



WE NEED A KING

+THE BOOK OF JUDGES+

Part Four : Gideon Pt.2

We Need a King : Overcoming Regret

- Regret holds us in the past and prevents us from moving into our future.
- Regret is unavoidable.
- When Israel moved away from God towards the culture and beliefs of those around them, they found themselves in bondage.

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“I see it all perfectly; there are two possible situations - one can either do this or that. My honest opinion and my friendly advice is this: do it or do not do it - you will regret both.”

- Soren Kierkegaard
Philosopher, Theologian, Existential Author

We Need a King : Overcoming Regret

- Joash felt he had to compromise to help his family survive.
- Gideon, Joash's son risks everything.
- To overcome regret we need to get over ourselves and get under God.

We Need a King : Get Over Ourselves

A. Get Over Our Rep(utation)

- Many would be watching Gideon to see what punishment Baal would deliver to him.
- The Spirit of the Lord came onto him and he started gathering forces to resist the enemy army.
- Jerub-baal became a badge of honour which could be rendered “Bring It On Baal!”

We Need a King : Get Over Ourselves

A. Get Over Our Rep(utation)

- Be careful of the titles and accolades people give you. Don't believe your own press.
- For every success you have, there is a bigger test coming up.
- It is easy to allow pride and overconfidence and self-reliance to creep into our thinking.

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B. Get Over Our Reach (Influence)

- Gideon's reach and influence had allowed him to gather an army of 32,000, three times more than the renowned Deberah and Barak.

- God's pattern of deliverance was leading towards the ultimate deliverance that would be received by God's people through Jesus.

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B. Get Over Our Reach (Influence)

- Many theories about why this test and how they drank the water.
- God just wanted to reduce the army to increase his glory.
- It's not our reach or influence that we should rely on, but rather God.
- To overcome regret we need to get under God.

We Need a King : Get Under God

A. Get Under God's Promise

8 Promises from the Lord to Gideon:

- Mighty Warrior the Lord is with you **(6:12)**
- Go with strength, I am sending you **(6:14)**
- I will be with you and you will destroy Midian like you were fighting one man **(6:16)**
- Then the offering is consumed **(6:20-21)**
- You will not die **(6:23)**
- The fleeces **(6:36-40)**
- I have given you victory **(7:9)**
- The dream **(7:13-14)**

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A. Get Under God's Promise

8 Promises from the Lord to Us:

1. Be Strong and Courageous, you will prosper. **(Joshua 1:6,8)**
2. I will never leave you or abandon you **(Hebrews 13:5)**
3. All things work for the good of those who love God and are called **(Romans 8:28)**
4. Ask for wisdom if you lack it and it will be given **(James 1:5)**
5. Do not worry about what you will eat or drink or wear, seek God kingdom and He will take care of these things **(Matthew 6:25, 33)**

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A. Get Under God's Promise

8 Promises from the Lord to Us:

6. Steps of a righteous person are ordered by the Lord
(Psalm 37:23)

7. No weapon formed against you shall prosper **(Isaiah 54:17)**

8. God has something better in mind for us **(Hebrews 11:40)**

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A. Get Under God's Promise

- Don't ever take the Word of the Lord for granted.
- Gideon is ready for action.

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B. Get Under God's Plan

- What did the Lord say in verse 2? Give me the credit.
- The appropriate cry would have been, "For the Lord!" But he adds "and for Gideon".

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B. Get Under God's Plan

What did they shout?

A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!

Not, "For the Lord"

Not even, "For the Lord and Gideon"

But, "A Sword for the Lord and Gideon"

Where did this Sword come from?

What does the Lord tell us?

Not by might.

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B. Get Under God's Plan

- The Lord accomplishes all things by his Spirit.
- The language suggests that the trumpets blew themselves (Kuruvilla 142).
- The Lord caused the warriors to turn on one another.
- We need to trust that God has it all worked out.

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B. Get Under God's Plan

- God will make your path straight, when you trust him.
- We need to change the way we speak.
- It's not about our Rep or Reach! It's about God Promise and Plan.
- We need to repent.
- Regret is sadness about the consequences of sin, but repentance is sorrow about the presence of sin.

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B. Get Under God's Plan

- There is nothing we can do in our own strength to conquer sin.
- If we claim to have no sin, we deceive ourselves.
- We all need to allow the Lord to transform us into our one true king, Jesus Christ.
- Whether we feel unworthy or righteous, we need to get over ourselves and get under God.
- We need to step beyond regret into repentance.

Judges 17:6 (NLT)

⁶In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Judges 7:1-25 (NLT)

And they continued to chase the Midianites. Afterward the Israelites brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, who was by the Jordan River.

Judges 7:1 (NLT)

¹So Jerub-baal (that is, Gideon) and his army got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The armies of Midian were camped north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh.