

# LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ...

## “Gideon: A Common Man Who Became A Conqueror”

(Judges 6-7)

### ❖ **Challenging Times Builds Our Faith** (Judges 6:1-6)

- The Apathy of Israel
  - The Aggression of the Enemy
  - The Assumption of the People
- Every Experience in Life is a Test, and
- Every Trial in the Lives of God's People is Tailored to Draw us Closer to God

#### Here's the Point:

- When Tough Times Come, Rather than Think God is Punishing You, See Them as God's Gift of Grace. (Proverbs 3:11-12)
- God has Purpose for the Troubles in Your Life, and it is Always for Our Good

### ❖ **Challenging Times Brings Out Identity** (6:7-12)

- Living in the Shadows of Fear and Our Insecurity
- Lead to See the the Father and Our Identity (vs 12)

- Proficiency,
- Prestige and
- Pedigree. (I Corinthians 1:26-32)

### ❖ **Challenging Times Brings On God's Presence** (6:13-24)

- God Confirms His Priorities with His Presence
- His Fears Comforted, His Calling Affirmed

### ❖ **Challenging Times Becomes Our Call to Holiness** (6:25-32)

- Private Faithfulness is a Prerequisite to Public Usefulness
- Put Family and Household in Spiritual Order

### ❖ **Challenging Times Bear Out the Patience of God with Us** (6:33-40)

- Gideon's Continued Struggle with Doubt of God
- Gideon's Strategy for a Deal a Deal with God

### ❖ **Challenging Times Overcome by God's Power** (7:1-8)

- Spiritual Success is Determined by God's Power
- Spiritual Strength is Determined by Man's Weakness
- Spiritual Strategy is Determined by God's Demand Upon Man