

# LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ...

*“Gideon: A Common Man Who Became A Mighty Conqueror”*

(Part Two - Judges 6-7)

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

- 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

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

- The intent of God is to reveal to us our potential and our purpose!
- God didn't choose Gideon based upon Proficiency, Prestige and Pedigree.

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

- God confirms His priorities with His presence!
- God continued to reinforce His call of Gideon

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

- God expects us to get our lives into order so that the level of our credibility will rise to the level of anointing available to accomplish the task.
- Personal holiness prepares us for a public display of God's power

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

- Even though Gideon continued to struggle with doubt, God was always patient with him.
- God will show you the same patience as well as you seek His face!

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

- Spiritual Success is Determined by God's Power
  - Test Number One - Disqualifying the Fearful
  - Test Number Two - Disqualifying the Careless
- Spiritual Strength is Determined by Man's Weakness
  - God created an impossible situation of human weakness to exalt His own strength.
  - Accomplishing God's purposes is not determined by the bottom line.
  - God doesn't need a majority vote from us on this.
- Spiritual Strategy is Determined by God's Demand Upon Man
  - The demand was made on Gideon and Israel. A demand to do things **God's Way**. The battle strategy involves:
    - The Sound of God that Blows Clearly
    - The Jars of Clay that Break
    - The Light of God that Brings Confusion