

Read Judges 7:1-14.

- What reasoning did God give for reducing Gideon's army?
- What was shocking about that?
- What does it say about God that sends Gideon to the enemy camp?
- What was the significance of the dream?
- How do these events help set up what God wanted to do in the heart of his people? (*Hint: He would get all the credit*)

Read Judges 7:15-25.

- What stands out about this fight scene?
- What details do you notice highlight God's power?

Read Judges 8:22-28;33-25.

- What is tragic about this scene?
- What leads Gideon to tragic place?
- What is the danger of taking credit for our success?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

- How does the Gospel rob us from taking credit in our salvation?
- What does this verse say about God and you?
- How does the Gospel reframe our success? (*Hint: Our good works are an overflow of grace*)

Reflection and Application:

- Are there any places in your life that you might be tempted to take credit for God's work?
- On the other hand, do you see God's hand in one of your successes? How so?
- What does it look like for you to regularly "credit the name of Christ?"

