



**SERIES: WITHOUT A KING**  
**JUDGES 6-8**  
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## **The King Who Wasn't**

### **FROM FARMER TO WARRIOR:**

Gideon got off to a \_\_\_\_\_ as a judge / national leader.

*"I will be with you and you will strike down all the Midianites together." (6:16)*

*"But because he was afraid of his family and the men of the town, he did it at night rather than in the daytime." (6:27).*

### **VICTORY!**

The soldiers were reduced to 300 to show beyond any doubt that the

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*"God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his [Gideon's] hands." (7:14)*

*"The LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. (7:22)*

Within Gideon a seed was planted of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **MIXED MESSAGES:**

*"The Israelites said to Gideon, 'Rule over us – you, your son and your grandson – because you have saved us out of the hand of Midian.' But Gideon told them, 'I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you.'" (8:22-23)*

Abimelech: \_\_\_\_\_

## **A LESSON FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:**

It is important to remember God's grace when we \_\_\_\_\_.

It is just as / even more important to remember it when we \_\_\_\_\_.

Success can tempt us to turn ourselves into \_\_\_\_\_.

Every blessing should turn us into \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Study Questions:**

#1 Have you ever known someone who was corrupted by success? Someone who became a different person but not in a good way? Share the story. Do you know anyone who has been humbled by success?

#2 Gideon had 2 flawed views. At the beginning of the story he didn't think God could use him. By the end, he didn't think he needed God. How are both of the views ultimately rooted in pride? Have you ever felt either of these ways? What is a more biblically accurate view? What Scripture supports this?

#3 Toward the end of his life, Gideon's words and actions did not align. What are some examples of that in your life? What is the danger here?

#4 Read Romans 6:23. What does the Bible say we are entitled to? What do we get instead? What should we expect a Christian life to look like in response to this?

#5 How is your life an arrow pointing to heaven? How quick are you to speak to others about how the LORD is at work in your life?