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WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Sermon Series: Gideon: God Uses Wimps

Sermon Title: It Had To Be God

Scripture: Judges 7

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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It Had To Be God

Big Idea

When I'm tempted to boast in
myself help me to look up.

Judges 7

Aren't you glad that God knows us inside and out?
God calls the weak, the disobedient, the
fearful, and those who are wimps!
There is hope for all of us!!!

God assured Gideon that victory was certain, even
through only 300 men. Now the Israeli army was less
than 1% of its original size and the proportion was
400 Midianite soldiers to each Israeli soldier.

Gideon could only trust in God because
there was nothing else to trust.

God wanted Gideon to find encouragement
in this visit to the enemy camp.

This shows that when God asks us to do hard things
for Him, He doesn't fold His arms and sit back
and expect us to do it on our own.

He is there to guide us and to keep us and
to encourage us all along the way.

The Midianite soldiers get a rude awakening –
all around them there was noise, light, and
movement. No wonder they thought they
were being attacked by a huge army.

What am I trying to do by my own strength and
taking the credit instead of giving the glory to God?

Sermon Questions

Ice Breaker: When have you ever been part of an amazing or unlikely victory?

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?
2. Why do you think it was essential for God to shrink the army's size to a tiny group of fighters?
3. How does this chapter challenge traditional concepts of power and strength?
4. Where in your life are you weak (300), so you have to depend on God? Where in your life do you feel strong (32,000), and have no thought of crediting God?
5. What kinds of pressures would Gideon be feeling not to obey God in shrinking his army? How was Gideon able to obey God fully in this?
6. When have you faced a challenge that seemed too big for you to handle? Share an example of what seem like impossible situations you are dealing with right now.
7. Read Judges 7:19-25. It was obvious that God had given the Midianites over to Israel. Why do you think Gideon had the people shout, "For the Lord and for Gideon!" when they smashed their jars? What might be the significance of Gideon using this phrase?
8. How might Gideon's story inspire you when facing seemingly insurmountable challenges?
9. After you read about Gideon in these three chapters, does it surprise you that he is listed in the faith "hall of fame" in Hebrews 11? In which circumstances did you see his faith being weak and wobbly? Where did you see him exercising strong faith?