



Story Tellers

GIDEON

Read

Judges 7:19-24

¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!" ²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. ²² When they blew the 300 trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. ²³ And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian. ²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down against the Midianites and capture the waters against them, as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan." So all the men of Ephraim were called out, and they captured the waters as far as Beth-barah, and also the Jordan.

Read More!

Cross Reference: Mark 9:17-24

²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out_[d] and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Ask

In Judges 7, God reduces Gideon's army to only 300 men. Why would God intentionally make the situation harder? Have you ever been in a situation where things felt harder than they should be? How might God have been working in that?

Even though Gideon doubts, God is patient with him. What does this teach us about how God responds to our doubts?

How does knowing God is patient change the way you talk to Him when you're unsure or struggling?

Gideon asks God for a sign with the fleece—not once, but twice. Why do you think he needed repeated confirmation?

Are there times when you've wanted God to make something really clear before you obey? What was that like?

Gideon looked at an impossible situation that God turned into an unorthodox victory. What situations or callings may you be avoiding that God may have an impossible solution for?

Gospel Sharing Tool

1) **Ask permission:** "Can I ask you a spiritual question?"

2) **Ask 2 questions:** "What happens when you die?" "If God asked, 'Why should I let you in?', what would you say?"

3) **Listen + Repeat back**

4) **Share Gospel in 4:** God / Us / Jesus / Response

5) **Invite:** "Where are you at with Jesus?"

6) **Follow up:** "Want to talk/read more this week?"

7) **Pray for and or with them:** "Can I pray with you?"





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