

FLAWED HEROES, FAITHFUL GOD
Judges 7:16-25
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
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1. YOU Are The Sword...

...The LORD _____ Against His Enemies.

Isaiah 49:2-3 (NIV2011) *“[God] made My mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of His hand He hid Me; He made Me into a polished arrow and concealed Me in His quiver. ³ He said to Me, ‘You are My Servant, Israel, in whom I will display My splendor.’”*

Judges 7:16 (NIV2011) *“Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, [Gideon] placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.”*

2Corinthians 6:4-10 (NIV2011) *“As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”*

Judges 7:17 (NIV2011) *“‘Watch me,’ [Gideon] told them. ‘Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do.’”*

Judges 7:18 (NIV2011) Gideon continued... *“When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, ‘For the LORD and for Gideon.’”*

2. YOU Are The Sword...

...The LORD _____ To Defeat His Enemies.

Judges 7:19 (NIV2011) *“Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.”*

Judges 7:20 (NIV2011) *“The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, ‘A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!’”*

Judges 7:21 (NIV2011) *“While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.”*

Judges 7:22 (NIV2011) *“When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.”*

Judges 7:23-24 (NIV2011) *“Israelites from Naphtali, Asher and all Manasseh were called out, and they pursued the Midianites. ²⁴ Gideon sent messengers throughout the hill country of Ephraim, saying, ‘Come down against the Midianites and seize the waters of the Jordan ahead of them as far as Beth Barah.’ So all the men of Ephraim were called out and they seized the waters of the Jordan as far as Beth Barah.”*

Judges 7:25 (NIV2011) *“They also captured two of the Midianite leaders, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued the Midianites and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, who was by the Jordan.”*