

**FLAWED HEROES, FAITHFUL GOD**

**Judges 7:1-8**

**New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green**

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**1. Are You In The \_\_\_\_\_ ... Who Are \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**Judges 7:1 (NIV2011)** *“Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh.”*

**Judges 7:2 (NIV2011)** *“The LORD said to Gideon, ‘You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against Me, “My own strength has saved me.”’”*

**Judges 7:3 (NIV2011)** *“Now announce to the army, ‘Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.’ So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.”*

**Deuteronomy 20:5-8 (NIV2011)** *“The officers shall say to the army: ‘Has anyone built a new house and not yet begun to live in it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else may begin to live in it. <sup>6</sup> Has anyone planted a vineyard and not begun to enjoy it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else enjoy it. <sup>7</sup> Has anyone become pledged to a woman and not married her? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else marry her.’ <sup>8</sup> Then the officers shall add, ‘Is anyone afraid or fainthearted? Let him go home so that his fellow soldiers will not become disheartened too.’”*

**Judges 7:4 (NIV2011)** *“But the LORD said to Gideon, ‘There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, “This one shall go with you,” he shall go; but if I say, “This one shall not go with you,” he shall not go.’”*

**Judges 7:5 (NIV2011)** *“So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, ‘Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink.’”*

**Judges 7:6 (NIV2011)** *“Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.”*

**Judges 7:7 (NIV2011)** *“The LORD said to Gideon, ‘With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.’”*

**1Corinthians 7:32-35 (NIV2011)** *“I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the LORD’S affairs—how he can please the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—<sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the LORD’S affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the LORD in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the LORD.”*

**2. Are You Among The \_\_\_\_\_ ... Who Are \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

**Judges 7:7 (NIV2011)** *“The LORD said to Gideon, ‘With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.’”*

**Judges 7:8 (NIV2011)** *“So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others. Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley.”*

**Deuteronomy 20:1-4 (NIV2011)** *“When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you. <sup>2</sup> When you are about to go into battle, the priest shall come forward and address the army. <sup>3</sup> He shall say: ‘Hear, Israel: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD your God is the One who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.’”*