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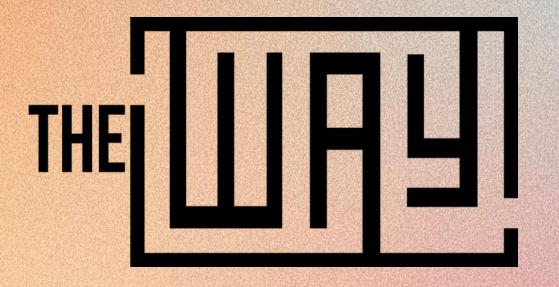
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GALATIANS 2:20

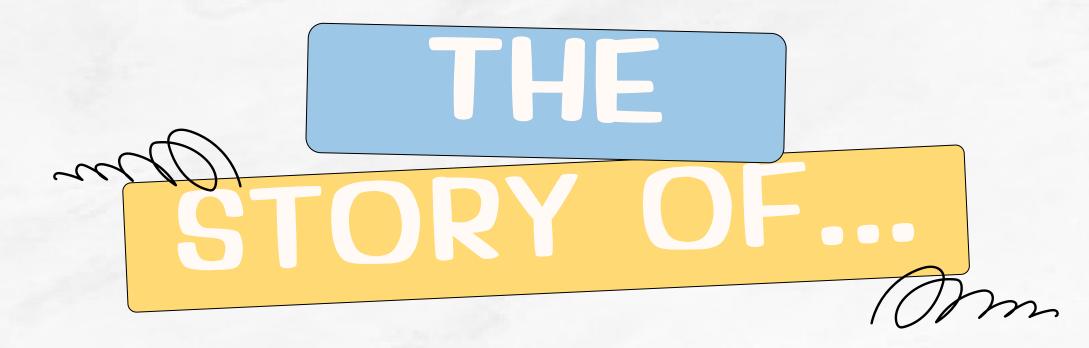
I have been CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST AND I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME. THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE BODY, I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.





Ashlynn Stalter





Gideon



JUDGES 6:12-13

12 When THE angel of THE LORD APPEARED TO GIDEON, HE SAID, "THE LORD IS WITH YOU, MIGHTY WARRIOR."

13 "PARDON ME, MY LORD," GIDEON REPLIED, "BUT IF THE LORD IS WITH US, WHY HAS ALL THIS HAPPENED TO US? WHERE ARE ALL HIS WONDERS THAT OUR ANCESTORS TOLD US ABOUT WHEN THEY SAID, 'DID NOT THE LORD BRING US UP OUT OF EGYPT?' BUT NOW THE LORD HAS ABANDONED US AND GIVEN US INTO THE HAND OF MIDIAN."

JUDGES 6:14-16

14 The Lord turned TO HIM and said, "Go in THE STRENGTH YOU HAVE AND SAVE ISRAEL OUT OF MIDIAN'S HAND. AM I NOT SENDING YOU?" 15 "PARDON ME, MY LORD," GIDEON REPLIED, "BUT HOW CAN I SAVE ISRAEL? MY CLAN IS THE WEAKEST IN MANASSEH, AND I AM THE LEAST IN MY FAMILY." 16 THE LORD ANSWERED, "I WILL BE WITH YOU, AND YOU WILL STRIKE DOWN ALL THE MIDIANITES, LEAVING NONE ALIVE.



JUDGES 6:25-26

25 That same night the Lord said TO HIM, "Take THE SECOND BULL FROM YOUR FATHER'S HERD, THE ONE SEVEN YEARS OLD.[B] TEAR DOWN YOUR FATHER'S ALTAR TO BAAL AND CUT DOWN THE ASHERAH POLE[C] BESIDE IT. 26 THEN BUILD A PROPER KIND OF[D] ALTAR TO THE LORD YOUR GOD ON THE TOP OF THIS HEIGHT. USING THE WOOD OF THE ASHERAH POLE THAT YOU CUT DOWN, OFFER THE SECOND[E] BULL AS A BURNT OFFERING."



JUDGES 6:27

27 So Gideon TOOk TEN OF HIS SERVANTS AND DID AS THE LORD TOLD HIM. BUT BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID OF HIS FAMILY AND THE TOWNSPEOPLE, HE DID IT AT NIGHT RATHER THAN IN THE DAYTIME.



JUDGES 7:2-3

2 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.' 3 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.



JUDGES 7:9-11

9 During that night THE LORD SAID To Gideon, "Get up, go DOWN AGAINST THE CAMP, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO GIVE IT INTO YOUR HANDS. 10 IF YOU ARE AFRAID TO ATTACK, GO DOWN TO THE CAMP WITH YOUR SERVANT PURAH 11 AND LISTEN TO WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. AFTERWARD, YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ATTACK THE CAMP." SO HE AND PURAH HIS SERVANT WENT DOWN TO THE OUTPOSTS OF THE CAMP.

JUDGES 7:13-14

13 Gideon ARrived just as a man was TELLING A FRIEND HIS dream. "I HAD A DREAM," HE WAS SAYING. "A ROUND LOAF OF BARLEY BREAD CAME TUMBLING INTO THE MIDIANITE CAMP. IT STRUCK THE TENT WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE TENT OVERTURNED AND COLLAPSED." 14 HIS FRIEND RESPONDED, "THIS CAN BE NOTHING OTHER THAN THE SWORD OF GIDEON SON OF JOASH, THE ISRAELITE. GOD HAS GIVEN THE MIDIANITES AND THE WHOLE CAMP INTO HIS HANDS."

JUDGES 7:17

17 "WAtcH mE," HE TOLD THEM. "FOLLOW MY LEAD. WHEN I GET TO THE EDGE OF THE CAMP, DO EXACTLY AS I DO.

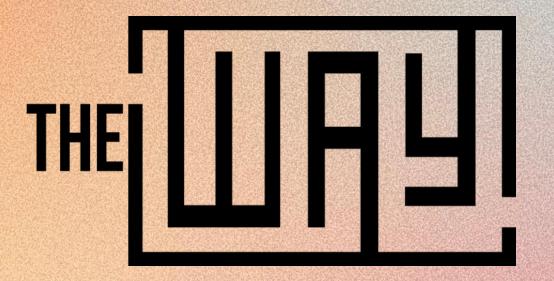


JUDGES 7:21-22

21 WHILE EACH man HELD HIS POSITION AROUND THE CAMP, ALL THE MIDIANITES RAN, CRYING OUT AS THEY FLED.

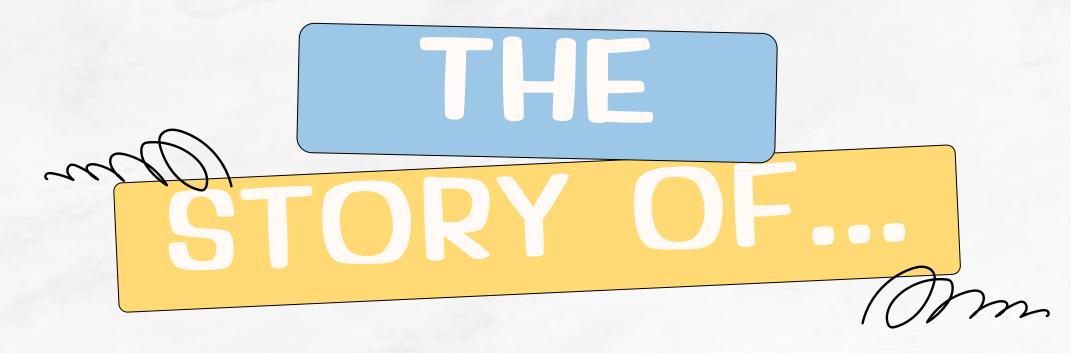
22 WHEN THE THREE HUNDRED TRUMPETS
SOUNDED, THE LORD CAUSED THE MEN
THROUGHOUT THE CAMP TO TURN ON EACH OTHER
WITH THEIR SWORDS. THE ARMY FLED TO BETH
SHITTAH TOWARD ZERERAH AS FAR AS THE BORDER
OF ABEL MEHOLAH NEAR TABBATH.





Hudson Kalkstein





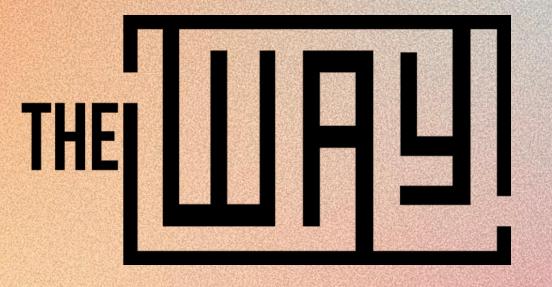
Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch



ACTS 8:26

Now AN ANGEL OF THE LORD SAID TO PHILIP, "GO SOUTH TO THE ROAD—THE DESERT ROAD—THAT GOES DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO GAZA."





Caleb Taflinger



GALATIANS 1:10

AM I now TRYING TO WIN THE APPROVAL OF HUMAN BEINGS, OR OF GOD? OR AM I TRYING TO PLEASE PEOPLE? IF I WERE STILL TRYING TO PLEASE PEOPLE, I WOULD NOT BE A SERVANT OF CHRIST.



1 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4

I CARE VERY LITTLE IF I AM JUDGED BY YOU OR BY ANY HUMAN COURT; INDEED, I DO NOT EVEN JUDGE MYSELF. 4 MY CONSCIENCE IS CLEAR, BUT THAT DOES NOT MAKE ME INNOCENT. IT IS THE LORD WHO JUDGES ME.



JOHN 15:18-19

18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. 19 if you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.



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