

**Notes**  
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**Compelled Church, January 22,23, 2022**

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Underdogs

Remember the Titans Clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufKpO9J8Cy4>

Israel history in the judges.

*"So Israel was brought very low because of Midian, and the sons of Israel cried to the LORD." (Judges 6:6, NASB95)*

The country was so low (6.6), and they finally cried out to the Lord. God answered and he sent a deliverer, Like all the Judges were, but God picks leaders who he desires, not who man thinks or elects.

Judges 6.11-16

Story of Gideon

**1. He leaned into his Commitment with the Lord.**

The Lord often asks us to do hard things. Changes, patterns change.  
He had to know that His heart was only God's.  
He destroyed the Baal Altars.

**2. Gideon Leaned into Leadership**

WE are all leaders. Our decisions matter. AT home, at work.  
How are we leading? Who do you want to please (others, people or God)  
Our influence, witness, presence for the Lord is so important in families, schools, work, and our church

**3. Gideon leaned into Obedience**

He had to walk by faith and not by sight  
He said "I'm in" when God required more from him than just preparing grain.

is God asking you to Lean into him?

- For salvation
- For a total 100% commitment
- To a Yes for obeying his direction in this season of your life.
- To stepping up your leadership?

What is God saying to you right now \_\_\_\_\_

## Sermon Discussion Questions

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For personal, continued, and family discussion

1. Was there a time when you or a family member was like an “underdog” and things worked out great?
2. What shape was Israel in spiritually during Judges 6 and 7?
3. What did Israel do (see Judges 6.6)?
4. What changed in them for the 6.6 actions?
5. Who is Gideon, and what was he like?
6. Read Judges 6.15. What do you think was the state of Gideon’s self-identity?
7. The Lord does not care what kind of family we are from or our past. We are not defined by these things so why do we all struggle with this?
8. Gideon tore down the altars of Ball (Judges 6.25-27). Why was this important?
9. The Lord took Gideons army from 32,000 to 300. Why do you think God did this?
10. In Judges, God provided Deliverers when Israel cried out to them. Who did God provide for us?

Talk about how and what Jesus delivered you from?

Close in prayer.