

# Judges

broken people :: faithful God

## Cycle #4 - Judges 7 -

- **Gideon has been called -**
  - **Mighty/Valiant Warrior!**
  - **Offering accepted**
  - **Altar built...**
  - **Cleaned up his “family”**
  - **Been given a new name**
  - **Been “fleeced”, twice!**
  - **And been challenged to trust God...**

# Choosing Men...

- **Gideon starts with 32,000 men...**
  - **Not a great number compared to the enemy**
  - **“too many for me” says God (7:2)**
  - **Pride of the win...**
  - **22,000 go home (afraid and trembling).**
  - **Still too many! “I will test them”**
  - **I will pick the ones I want!**
  - **“lappers” = 300! Vs 7**



# **Needy Warrior?**

- **Vs. 8 – they take the provisions...**
  - **Trumpets are mentioned specifically**
  - **“Midian was below” 135,000+ camels**
- **God knows our hearts...**
  - **Same night...**
  - **“Arise, go down against the camp...”**
  - **“I have given it...”**
  - **“BUT IF...”**

# God KNOWS

- **What we need, feel and fear...**
- **“If you are afraid...” 1<sup>st</sup> group...**
- **Go with Purah (Branch)...**
  - **Shield bearer, servant, helped with idols**
  - **We all need to be with people who we can trust and share our hearts with!**
  - **Blessed friendship: Barnabas & Saul...**

# Strength...

- **Vs. 11 – you will hear... hearing!**
  - **Be careful what goes into your ear!**
  - **Hands made strong... *ka'zok* Josh 1:6**
  - **12 – numerous as locusts...**
- **God ordained walk...**
  - **2 sentries... “I had a dream...**
  - **Barley loaf (yuck) rolls into camp strikes the main tent, flipped over...**

# **I know what that means...**

- **His friend...**
  - **When did he start interpreting dreams?**
  - **Nothing less?! Sword of Gideon!**
  - **Your name and power are known!!!**
  - **God has given...**
  - **WHAT???**

# **Gideon and God...**

- **He hears and worships! (15)**
  - **Bowed in worship, right there!**
  - **Give God glory NOW!!!**
  - **When we wait, we forget!**
- **He returns to camp, encourages them**
  - **Breaks into 3 companies...**
  - **Trumpets, empty torches and pitchers...**
  - **LOOK AT ME, DO WHAT I DO (17)**

# **For the Lord and for Gideon**

- **His name now becomes a shout!**
  - **God keeps who you are!**
- **In the valley...**
  - **Watch changes... “middle watch” 10-2pm**
  - **“Did you hear about the dream...”**
- **Gideon/Men take places on the hills...**
  - **300 trumpets = 300 divisions!**

# God...

- **Smashed pitchers, blow the trumpets**
- **Torches all around...**
- **“A sword for the Lord and Gideon!!!”**
- **Stand in place... (7:23, 8:4)**
- **Enemy runs! PANIC!!!**
- **Ephraim gets miffed! (6:35 not called)**

**Next week:**



**Gideon – continues...**

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