

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 83 TITLE: "Do it again, LORD"
(Last of the Asaph Psalms)

Intro: Gideon vs Midian. Judges 7. 32,000. "Too many. Lest anyone boast, 'our own hand saved us.'" Send anyone who's scared (22,000). Now let's have a drink. (300). With 300. I'll save/win.

Thesis: "What God has done before, He can do again for you and me."

I. Our Enemies Are Too Great (1-8)

- A. **Edom** (descendants of Esau. South). **Ishamel** (Abe/Hagar). **Hagrites** (Hagar/South).
- B. **Moab**(South)/**Ammon**(East) (Lot's children. Abe's nephew. Sodom/Gomorah).
- C. **Gebal** (Phoenician city). **Amalek** (East). **Philistia** (Philistines/West). **Tyre** (West)
- D. **Asshur** (Assyria. Or North of Sinai. North). **[[“WE'RE SURROUNDED LORD!”]]**
- E. **We're weak.** I'm no strong enough. **Our enemy is too great for us.**

APPLICATION: First step in getting help from the Lord. Is admitting your weakness. That your situation is too great. Why it's so hard to pray.

ILLUSTRATION: JESUS LOVES ME. I am weak and He is strong. Little ones. That's me!

II. You've Done it Before (9-12)

- A. You've Come through in impossible circumstances and situations. Sure loss/defeat.
- B. Done it before. You've won before. Saved before. Delivered before. **Sisera/Jabin**

ILLUSTRATION: Judges 5. Mighty warrior. Tent peg through the skull. **Ja-el="YHWH is God."**

- C. **Dung.** Compost/Fertilizer for the ground. Rot/Decay. Decompose.
- D. **Oreb/Zeeb** (Princes/Commanders of Midian). **Zelah/Zalmunnah** (Kings of Midian)

APPLICATION: It helps to look back in history. Remember what God has done. He's the same God. He doesn't change. **People's testimonies and stories are powerful.**

ILLUSTRATION: Brian "Head" Welch. Korn guitarist. Singer/songwriter. Drugs. Suicide. Came to saving faith in 2008. Drug rehab. Set free. Albums. Books. Now focuses on non-profit ministry to help others get free through Jesus Christ. How the Lord has delivered. Sponsors in addiction groups are important, because you're not alone. God has done it before.

III. Do It Again, LORD (13-17)

- A. **Pulverize them.** Make them like chaff. Pollen. Dust. Grass seed. Win.

ILLUSTRATION: Cutting grass a little late. Throat. Cloud. Nasals. Throat. DO that LORD.

- B. **Forest Fire in the Mountains.** Wind. Wildfire. Completely decimated. Destroyed.
- C. **Do it again.** It's gotta be you. **HE'S DONE IT BEFORE. HE CAN DO IT AGAIN.**

APPLICATION: South Sudan. Paul wife. Infertility. What did you do? God's are angry. Prayed in Jesus's Name. Had a son. "Great. Where's the next one?" Pray. Pray. Pray. "Do it again Lord." Had a little girl. Named her "**Hinkyak.**" Which means "Again." **B/c the Lord did it again.**

IV. For Your Glory & Name (16/18)

- A. **16.** So they seek your Name (**YHWH**). Covenant Name. Lord. Savior. God.
- B. **18.** So that you are Most High God. **YHWH.** Again. **(We're not facing armies).**
- C. **Convict.** Convict us. Shame. Dismay. Disgrace. Break us apart. So we might seek you.

APPLICATION: What battles are your trying to fight alone? Surrounding/Overwhelming. Too big.

1. **Addiction?** Habitual sin? Jesus can save/help/free. *Done it before. Can do it again.*
2. **Chronic Anxiety?** Stress/Worry/Fear. Obsessing/memories. *Done it before. Can do it again.*
3. **Depression?** Escape/Numb/Suicide. **SELF-HATE.** *Done it before. Can do it again.*
4. **Relational conflict.** Family Strife. Wayward/disconnect kids. *Done it before. Can do it again.*
5. **Health.** Infertility. Cancer. Chronic Pain. Mental illness. *Done it before. Can do it again.*
6. **ADMIT POWERLESSNESS. YOU'RE NOT AS POWERFUL AS YOU THINK. BUT GOD IS POWERFUL. AND THROUGH HIM YOU'RE EVEN MORE POWERFUL IN CHRIST.**

Conclusion: You know what Bible calls believers? Conquerors. More than conquerors! Victorious ones. "The one who conquers" in Revelation. The messiest life of battles, the weakest believer, the one who slipped the most, fell the most, relapsed the most, lost the most. Is still a winner in the end through Christ. Victorious Conqueror through Christ. Because Jesus defeated every enemy on the cross.