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Gideon

Zero to Hero



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32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets,

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33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,

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History: Judges 6-8

- Israel had sinned “again”
- Midianites, Amalekites and eastern foreigners invaded for 7 years 6:1-5

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History: Judges 6-8

- Israel cried out to God for relief
- God sent a prophet to remind them how quickly they had forsaken Him.

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God chooses Gideon

- The angel appears to Gideon and address him as “Mighty Warrior”

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God chooses Gideon

- Gideon is afraid
- Gideon is discouraged: V13

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13 "Please, my lord, if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened? And where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about?"

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13 They said, 'Hasn't the Lord brought us out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to Midian."

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- Go in the strength you have v14
- Gideon: I am zero (para) V15

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God chooses Gideon

- The Lord replies: I am with you
V16

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V16
- Gideon offers a meal of a young goat, half a bushel of grain into bread, and broth.

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God chooses Gideon

- Gideon destroys the altars to Baal and Asherah V25-32
 - Starts the process of deliverance by removing the fake and returning to the genuine

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Gideon questions

- Gideon summons the troops
 - Fleece 1: wet with dry ground
 - Fleece 2: dry with wet ground
 - The term “a fleece before the Lord”

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- God reduces the troops
 - 32,000 vs 135,000
 - Gideon felt, "its not enough"
 - God says, "its too many"

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- God reduces the troops
 - Those who are afraid, go home 22k
 - 10k is still too many
 - Those that lap like a dog stay (300)
 - 7,700 go home
 - 300 kept the provisions

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- God reduces the troops
- Confirmation from the enemy's dream 7:8-15

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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."

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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."

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11 So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. 12 The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts.

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12 Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

13 Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream.

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13 "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."

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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."

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15 When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands."

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Victory God's Way

- Unusual strategy 7:16-25
 - Divided into 100's
 - Trumpets
 - Torch in an empty pot
 - Shouts of victory

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Victory Becomes a Snare

- The Golden Ephod 8:22-27
 - Gold from the plunder
 - Gideon creates an ephod
 - It became a problem V27

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27 Gideon made the gold into an ephod, which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family.

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Key Principles from the story of Gideon

**1. When we wander from
God we move outside His
protection.**

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2. God sees our potential

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3. Current circumstances may allow doubt to fill us, God has not changed, abandoned us or given up.

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**4. God will affirm us when we
doubt, but there is a greater
reward for those who just
believe**

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**5. Beware of making idols out
of our victories
(picture)**

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**6. God will do things in a way
to demonstrate only God could
have done it**

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The Letter from Julia

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