

Theme: God's People Ready for Battle

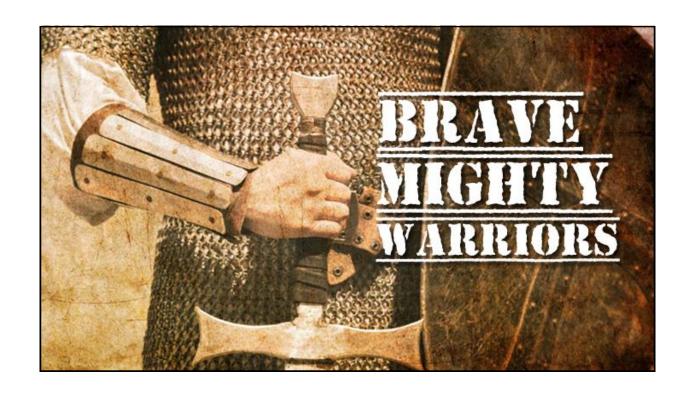
1 Chronicles 7:40 (NIV)
All these were descendants
of Asher—heads of familiescommunities, choice men,
brave warriors and outstanding
leaders. The number of men
ready for battle, as listed
in their genealogy, was 26,000.



Introduction:

4-Key Characteristics of such people ready for battle:

- **1.** They are Heads of Families-Communities Father-Leaders.
- **2.** They are Select Choice Men Character.
- **3.** They are Brave Mighty Warriors **Boldness**.
- **4.** They are Outstanding Leaders <u>Leader of</u> <u>Father-Leaders</u>.



2 And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'

3 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, "Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead." And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.

4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, "This one shall go with you, the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, "This one shall not go with you, the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink."

Judges 7:2-14

6 And the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. 7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the other people go, every man to his place."

8 So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all the rest of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 It happened on the same night that the Lord said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand.

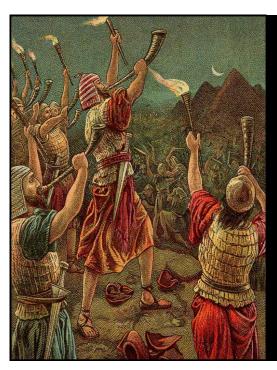
Judges 7:2-14

with Purah your servant, 11 and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who were in the camp.

12 Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

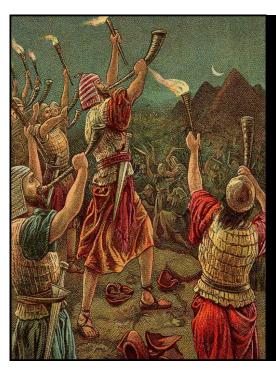
13 And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a **dream** to his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed."

14 Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp."



Judges 7:15-18

15 And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the LORD has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." 16 Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers.

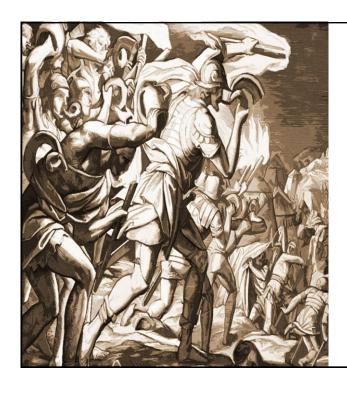


Judges 7:15-18

17 And he said to them, "Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do:

18 When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say,

"The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"



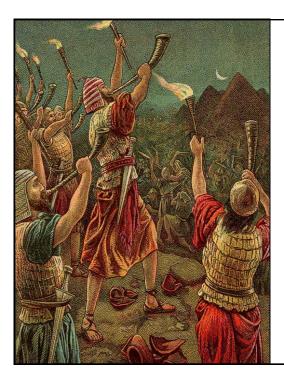
Gideon, the 300 and the 3 Keys to be Brave and Mighty for God.

Judges 7

Gideon against the Midianites = 32,000 men - 22,000 men

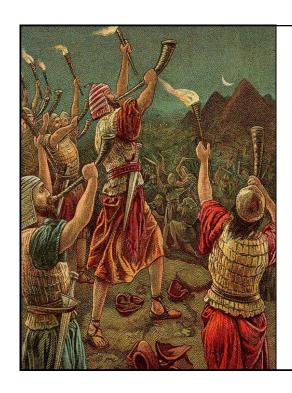
= 10,000 men - 9,700 men

Left 300 men



Judges 7:16

Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put <u>a trumpet</u> into every man's hand, with <u>empty pitchers</u>, and <u>torches</u> inside the pitchers.



Judges 7:16 - The 3 Keys:

Key #1 - Empty Pitchers / Jars of Clay

Key #2 - Blazing Torch

Key #3 - Trumpet / Ram's Horn

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2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this <u>treasure in earthen vessels</u>, that the <u>excellence of the power may be</u> <u>of God and not of us</u>.

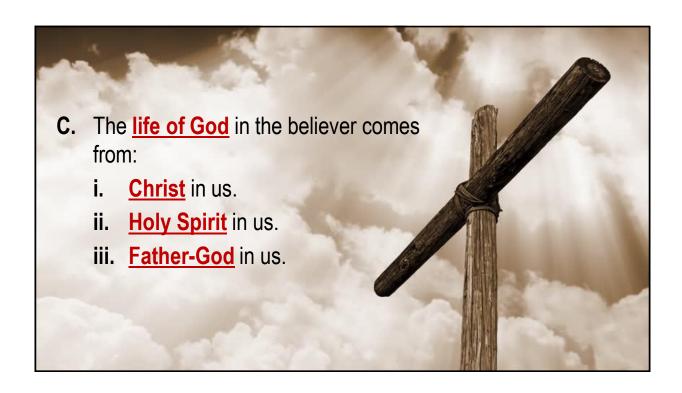


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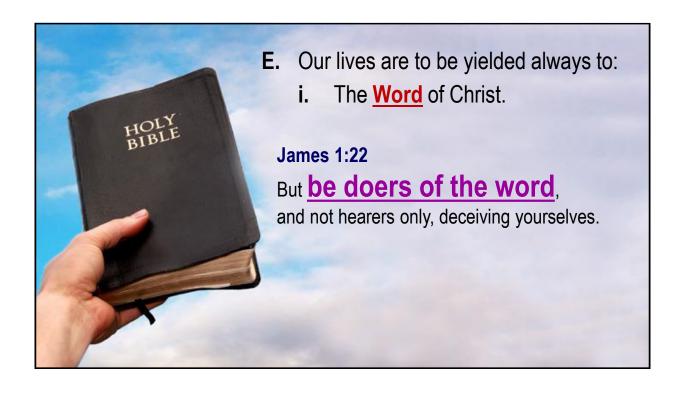
Key #1 - Empty Pitchers / Jars of Clay

- A. We are the Earthen Vessels and Jars of Clay. We were made from the Dust of the Earth.
- **B.** The treasure in the Earthen Vessels and Jars of Clay is the <u>life of God</u> in the believer.











- E. Our lives are to be yielded always to:
 - The inward witness of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:16, 25

- **16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.





F. We are the clay, Father-God is the **Potter**.

Isaiah 64:8

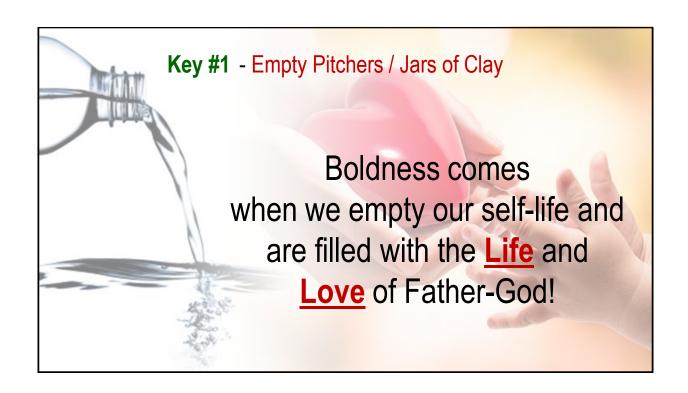
But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.

The gap of time between the Promise of God and the fulfillment of that Promise is our trial of faith!

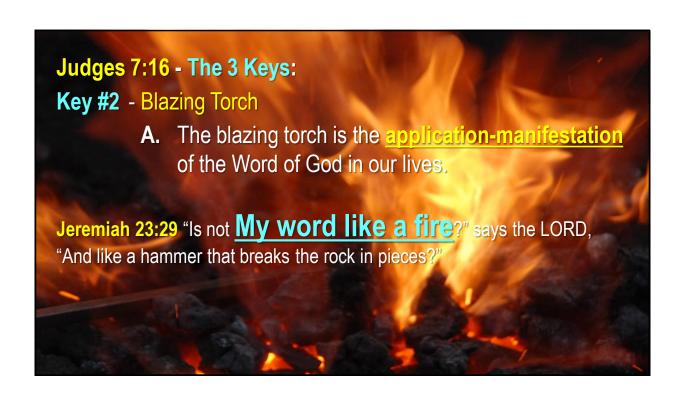
G. We need to continually <u>experience</u> and be filled with the <u>love</u> of Father-God.

Ephesians 3:16-20

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us ...

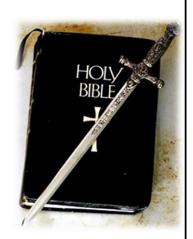






A. The blazing torch is the <u>application-manifestation</u> of the Word of God in our lives.

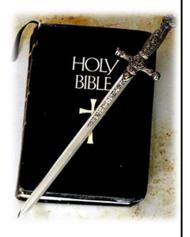
Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



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Ephesians 6:17

And take ... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

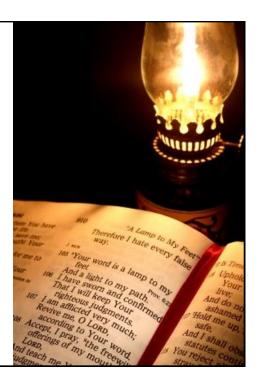


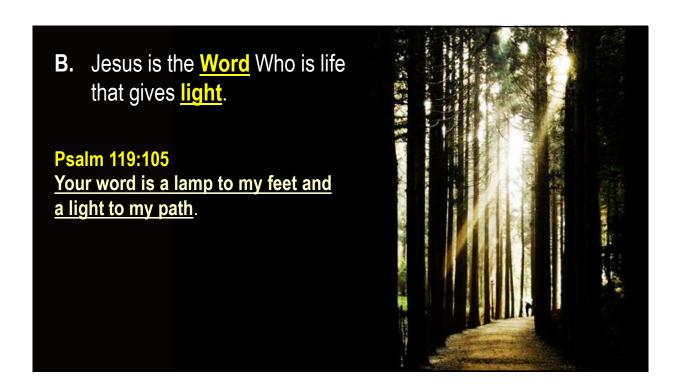
B. Jesus is the **Word** Who is life that gives **light**.

John 1:1, 4-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.



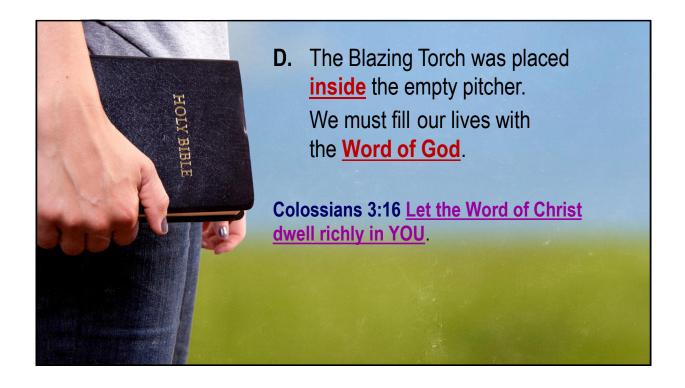


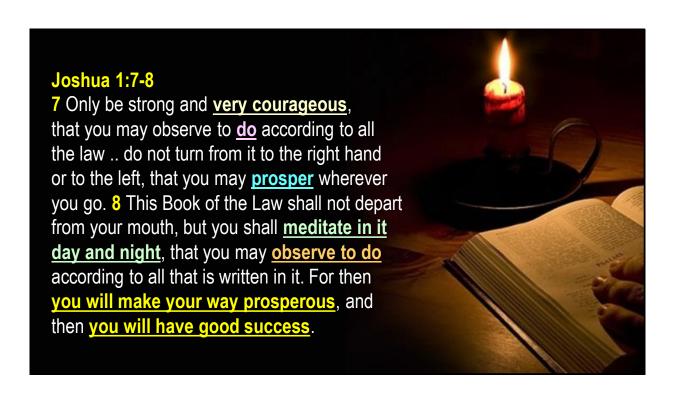
C. The Lord is our <u>light</u> that shines brightly dispelling every <u>darkness</u> and <u>fear</u> in our lives.

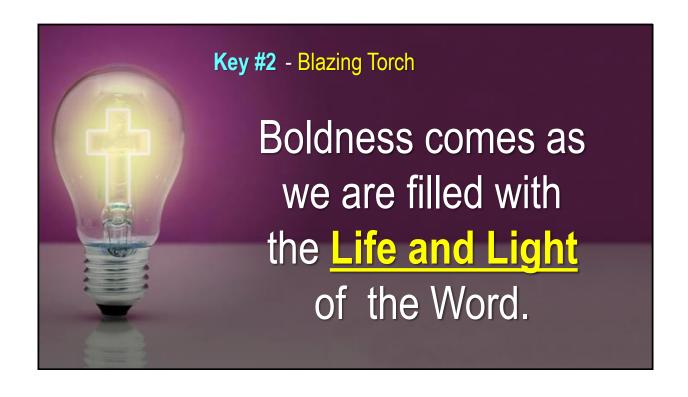
Psalm 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?



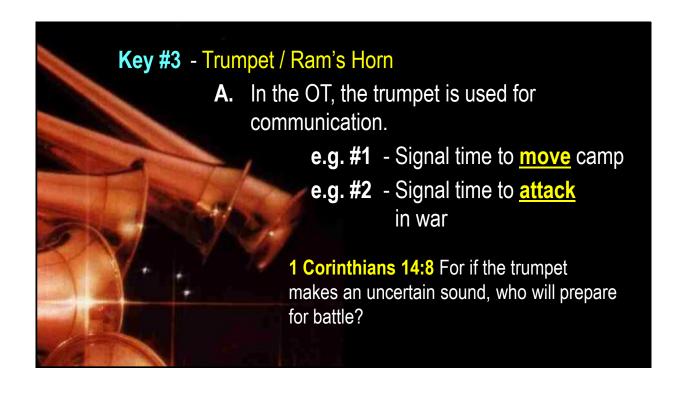


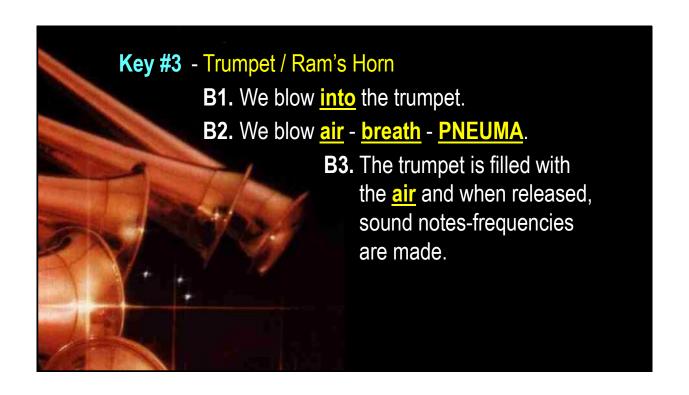












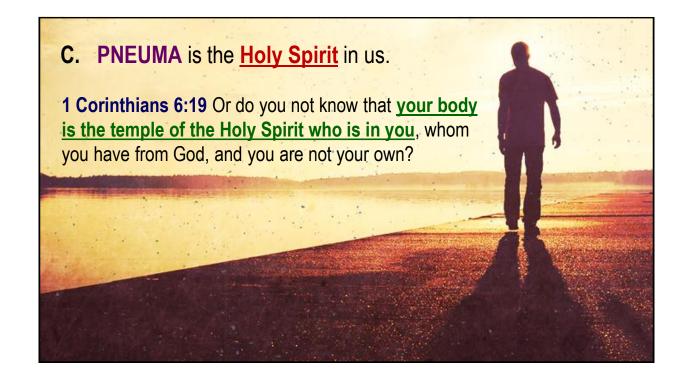


C. PNEUMA is the Holy Spirit in us.

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



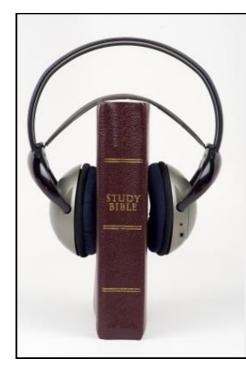


D. Be continuously filled with the **Holy Spirit**.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit ...







E2. We must therefore hear Him clearly and follow His leading.

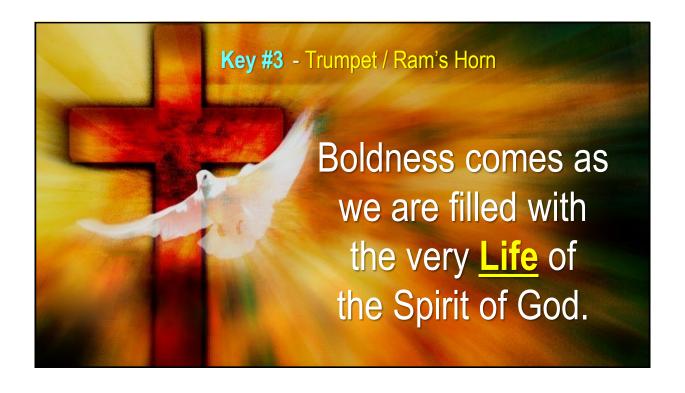
Revelation 2-3 "Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying"

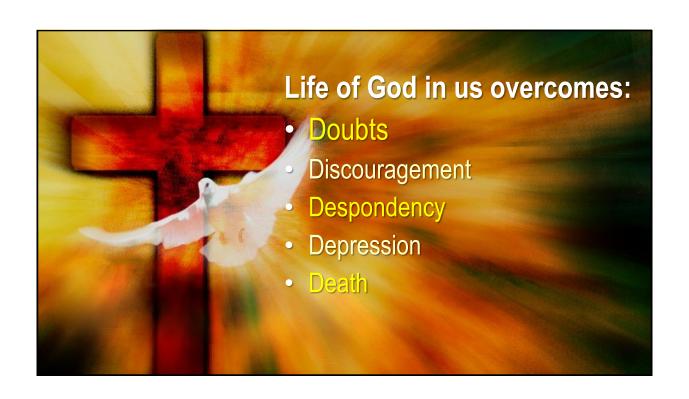
- F1. We must experience the life of the Holy Spirit.
- **F2.** He is the **source** of the life of God in us.

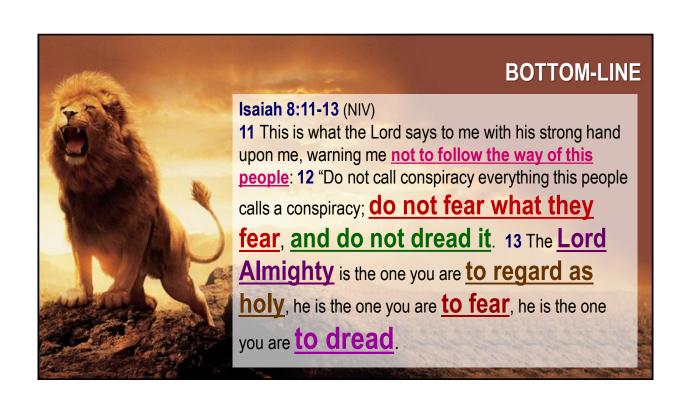
1 John 2:27 He is the Anointing that teaches us all things ...

John 14-16 He is our <u>Helper</u>, <u>Comforter</u>, <u>Counselor</u>, <u>the Spirit of Truth</u> ...











BOTTOM-LINE

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized **that they had been with Jesus**.



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Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but <u>the righteous</u> are bold as a lion.

