

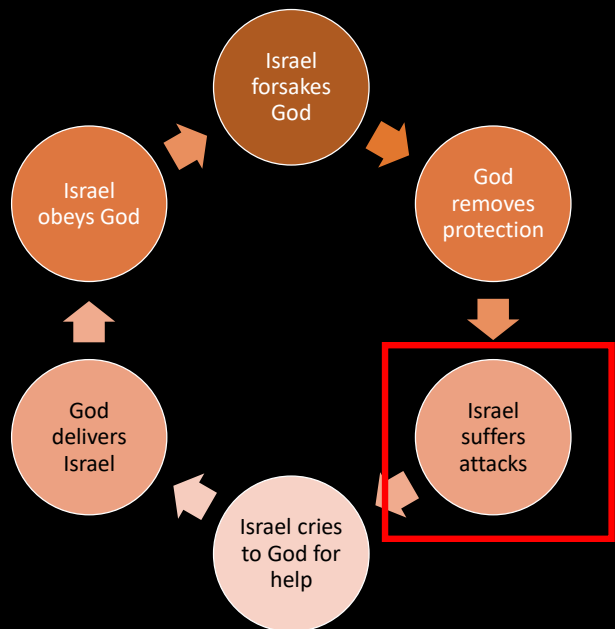
Gideon

Life Lessons from Judges



Roadmap:

1. Gideon's faith journey
2. Application



Judges 6:7-10

⁷ When the Israelites cried out to the LORD because of Midian, ⁸ he sent them a prophet, who said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ⁹ I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians. And I delivered you from the hand of all your oppressors; I drove them out before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰ I said to you, ‘I am the LORD your God; do not worship the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you live.’ But you have not listened to me.”



Gideon

- Farmer
- Lives in Ophrah with parent's family
- From the tribe of Manasseh
- Youngest in the family
- Married with at least one young son



Judges 6:12

¹² When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “**The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.**”

Judges 6:13

¹³ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “**but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us?** Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

Judges 6:14-15

¹⁴ The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

¹⁵ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but **how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.**”

Judges 6:16-17

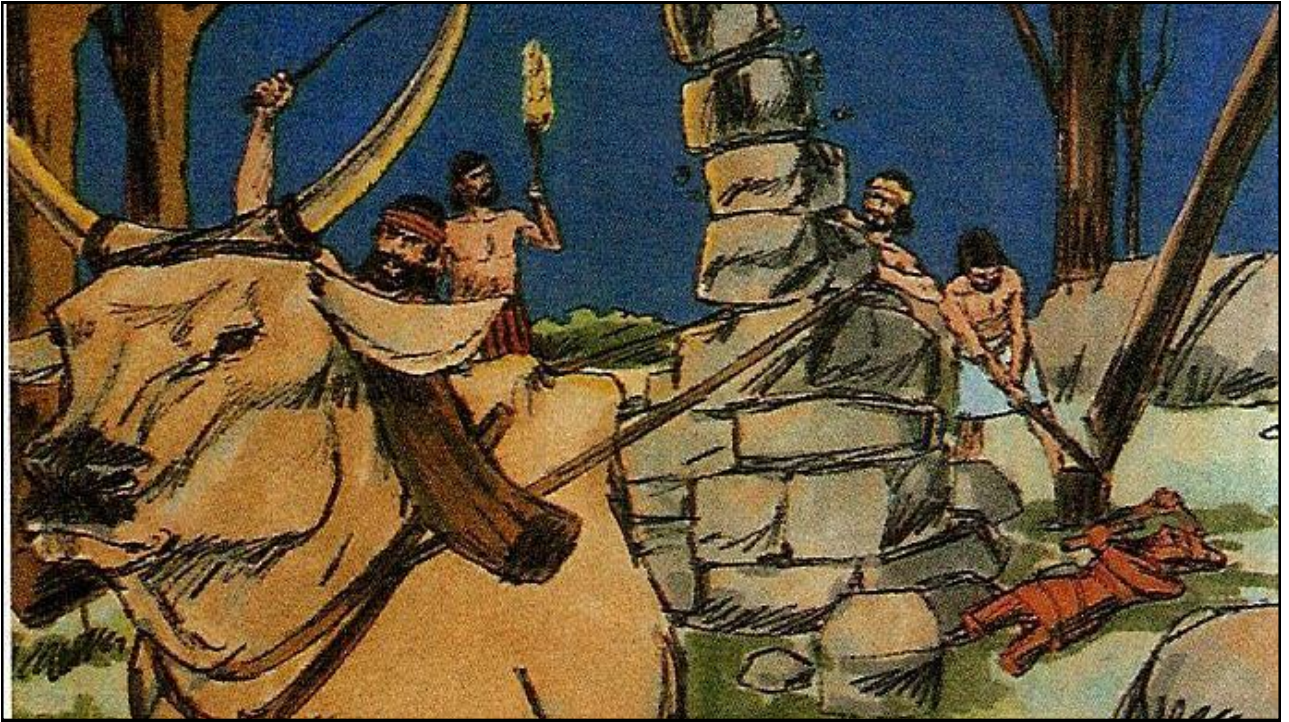
¹⁶ The LORD answered, “**I will be with you**, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

¹⁷ Gideon replied, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, **give me a sign that it is really you talking to me.** ¹⁸ Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.”

And the LORD said, “**I will wait until you return.**”

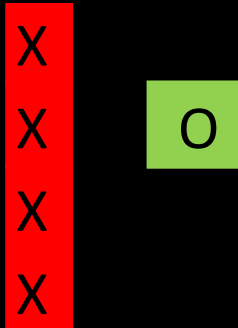


The Lord is Peace

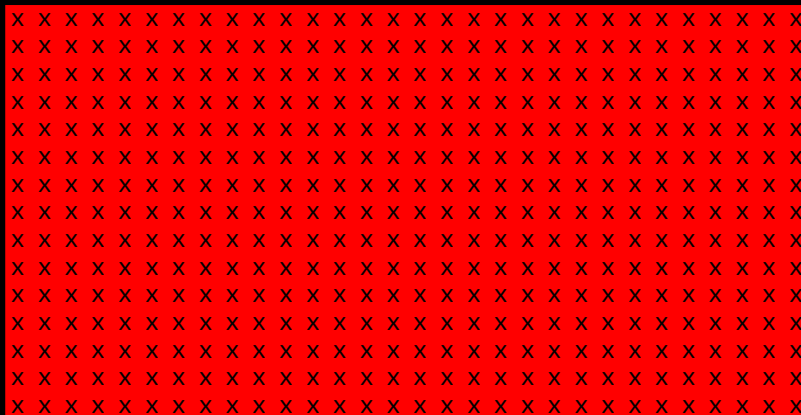




Before
135,000 vs 32,000



After
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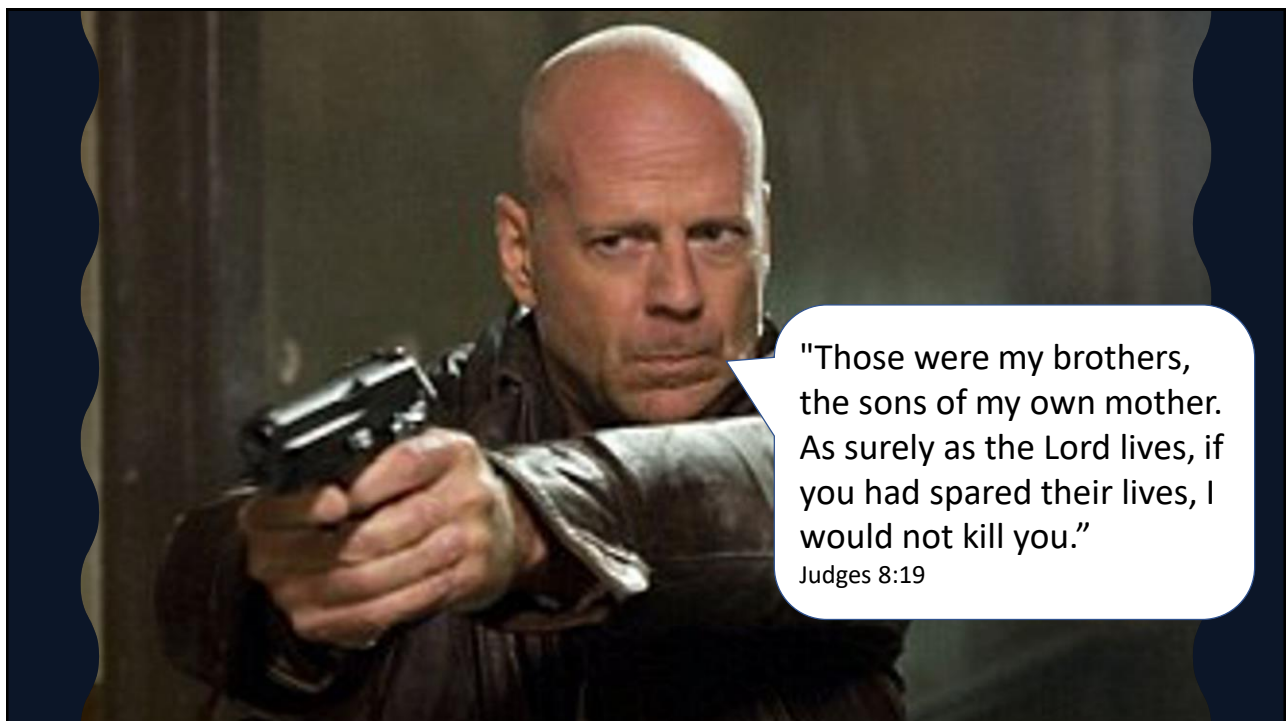


Judges 7:13 & 14

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

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."





Judges 8:22-24, 27

²² The Israelites said to Gideon, “Rule over us—you, your son and your grandson—because you have saved us from the hand of Midian.”

²³ But Gideon told them, “I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you. The LORD will rule over you.”

²⁴ And he said, “I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder.” (It was the custom of the Ishmaelites to wear gold earrings.)

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.

Summary: Gideon’s faith journey

Gideon realized
that God is
Peace - God
was with him
and God was
on his side

Gideon realized
that God
wanted to
accomplish His
purposes
through him

Gideon realized
that God was
the one
responsible for
the victory, and
not him.

Application: What about you?

Do you know
that God wants
to accomplish
His purposes
through you?

Do you know
that God is the
one
responsible for
the victory, and
not you?

Do you know that God wants to accomplish
His purposes through you?

Eph 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We are pre-qualified for God's tasks

Don't compare our unique tasks with others'

Great faith is more precious than great works

Do you know that God is the one responsible
for the victory, and not you?

Prov 21:31 - The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but
victory rests with the Lord.

Whatever the task, our
best preparation is to
learn to trust God more

Do not be concerned
about results, only be
concerned that God gets
the glory

