



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	Three Strategies for Victorious Living	SPEAKER	Pastor Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION – THE THREE HUNDRED

Judges 7:16 provides three powerful strategies for victorious living –three typological lessons with symbolic representations and spiritual applications for the church. The first strategy is to **Speak the Word** (Blow the trumpet), symbolised by the Trumpet and Ram's Horn. The second strategy is to **Surrender the Self** (Break the jar), symbolised by the empty pitchers – Jars of clay. The third strategy is to **Saturate with the Word** (Light the torch), symbolised by the blazing torches inside the pitchers.

Judges 7:2-7 describes how God filtered Gideon's large army down to a mere 300 faithful men. In verse 9, God incredibly promises Gideon victory even before the battle starts. Israel's enemies were as numerous as locusts. God patiently encouraged Gideon during his trial of faith. A conversation between two men in the enemy camp that Gideon overheard strengthened his faith and elicited worship. He proclaimed God's promise of victory over the camp of Midian and divided his three hundred men into three companies, placing a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers and torches inside the pitchers.

THE THREE STRATEGIES FOR VICTORIOUS LIVING

1. Trumpet / Ram's Horn

The first strategy is to **Speak the Word**, which is proclamation, speaking forth and communicating in the context of warfare for victory for the people of God. Our voices are like trumpets in the spirit realm (Isaiah 58:1) that connects with the physical and relational world we live in. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Therefore, what we speak and how we speak are critically important. There are three applications for us to Speak the Word for victorious living:

A. Continually Commune with God. We need to continually commune with God in devotion and prayer, committing the details of our struggles to Him as we trust Him. We need to approach His throne boldly to receive mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16). Another aspect of communing with God is to build our thanksgiving, praise and worship altar to dismantle the strongholds in our lives and receive breakthroughs. Psalm 149:6 says, "Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand", exhorting us to both **sing** and **pray** the Word of God. God fights for us and alongside us. Examples from the Old Testament include: God is the Man of War (Exodus 15:3), Jehovah Nissi (Exodus 17:15), The Commander of the Lord's Army (Joshua 5:14), The Battle belongs to the Lord (2 Chronicles 2:15, 1 Samuel 17:47), and Jehovah Tsebaoth – the Lord of Hosts

(1 Samuel 17:45). In the New Testament, God is the God of Peace (Romans 16:20) who will crush the devil under our feet.

B. To Build Personal Faith. 2 Corinthians 4:13 exhorts us to speak the Word of God in response to what we believe. Biblical truths that we can speak out loud in faith include: I am deeply loved by God (John 3:16), I have been completely forgiven in Christ (1 John 1:9), I am a child of God (John 1:12), I am the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21), I can come to God 24/7/365 (Hebrews 4:16), The devil has no ground in me (John 14:30), God's love in my life casts out every fear in me (1 John 4:18), I have divine wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30), I walk in God's favour (Psalm 5:12), I am always protected in Christ (Psalm 91).

C. To Minister to Others: Speak Words of Victory. We are to value-add (Proverbs 18:21), edify, encourage and comfort (1 Corinthians 14:23), and build each other up (Ephesians 4:29), imparting grace and wisdom as we do so (Colossians 4:6). As we rely on God to use us to share a word in season to encourage someone, we must remember to "speak to the rock", and not "strike the rock", for the anger of men does not produce the righteousness of God.

2. Empty Pitchers –Jars of Clay

The second strategy is to **Surrender the Self**. This is a symbol of human weakness and frailty. 2 Corinthians 4:7 instructs that we are the earthen vessels and jars of clay, made from the dust of the earth. We must live our lives according to the power of Christ that is in us – according to the Holy Spirit that is within us and not according to our human carnality. How can we do this? (1) Deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23), and (2) Living by faith in Jesus (Galatians 2:20). Romans 6:11 exhorts us to not react and respond from our self-life, but rather respond from the Christ-life in us, always guided by the Word and the Holy Spirit. We must submit to the Lord's dealings to mould us (Isaiah 64:8), centre our thinking-feeling-responses in Jesus (John 16:33), and grow and walk by faith.

3. Blazing Torch inside Pitchers

The third strategy is to **Saturate with the Word**. This is the Word of God operating in our lives. God's Word is like a fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces (Jeremiah 23:29). The Word of God is the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17) and a double-edged sword (Psalm 149:6; Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 2:12). To wield this sword in our hands is to build up a strong foundation in the Word of God and have a working knowledge of how to use the Word of God as a double-edged sword. God's Word will give us revelation in darkness (John 1:4-5) and is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). The authority of our lives is the Word of God. We need to submit to the authority of God's Word, meditating on it day and night, so that we may be careful to do everything written in it (Joshua 1:8). The Light of God in us overcomes darkness, the evil one, lies, deception, errors, untruths, and ungodly beliefs.

CONCLUSION

These three strategies for victorious living bring out the Life of God in us to overcome doubts, discouragement and despondency, preventing sliding into depression and death. Speaking the Word (Blow the trumpet) is about continually building our altar to God and communing with Him, standing on the promises of God. Surrender the Self (Break the jar) is to lay down our rights, privileges and entitlements so that the life of God will flow in and through us. Saturate with the Word (Light the torch) is to have a working knowledge of the Word of God.

QUESTIONS

1. Share a time where you witnessed or experienced God's victory through unexpected or unconventional ways, like Gideon.

2. Which of the three applications of Blow the Trumpet (Speaking the Word) can you further strengthen in your life?

3. How will you and the people around you benefit if you developed the second strategy (Break the Jar) or the third strategy (Light the Torch) in your inner-life?
What is one small, practical change you can make this week to walk more victoriously in Christ?