

The Lord is with you mighty warrior!

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I.) Sin places us in conflict to our Father God

6 Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.

JDG 6:7 When the Israelites cried 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 snatched you from the power of Egypt and from the hand of all your oppressors. I drove them from 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."

A.) Complacency puts us in conflict with our God. Rev. 3:14-22

II.) Just like Gideon we have been called to battle.

JDG 6:11 The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezerite, where his son **Gideon** was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. 12 When the angel of the LORD appeared to **Gideon**, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." JDG 6:13 "But sir," **Gideon** replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."

JDG 6:14 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?" JDG 6:15 "But Lord," **Gideon** asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." JDG 6:16 The LORD answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

A.) The Lord has provided the equipment we need to win! Eph. 6:10-18

- 1.) Belt of truth-** JN 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- 2.) **Breastplate of Righteousness**- PR 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. HEB 10:15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: HEB 10:16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."
- 3.) **Feet shod with the preparation of gospel**-PS 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- 4.) **Shield of faith**-PS 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.
- 5.) **Helmet of salvation**-COL 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
- 6.) **Sword of the spirit**-HEB 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

REV 1:12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

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III.)It dosen't matter if it feels like theres only a few righteous left;

A.) with God +You = a majority!

JDG 7:1 Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, **Gideon**) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. 2 The LORD said to **Gideon**, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me that her own strength has saved her, 3 announce now to the people, `Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.' " So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

JDG 7:4 But the LORD said to **Gideon**, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will sift them for you there. If I say, `This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, `This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

JDG 7:5 So **Gideon** took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues like a dog from those who kneel down to drink." 6 Three hundred men lapped with their hands to their mouths. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

JDG 7:7 The LORD said to **Gideon**, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the other men go, each to his

own place." 8 So **Gideon** sent the rest of the Israelites to their tents but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley.

B.) God + you = victory! 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. 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." 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. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore. .

JDG 7:13 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."

JDG 7:14 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."

JDG 7:15 When **Gideon** heard the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped God. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, "Get up! The LORD has given the Midianite camp into your hands." 16 Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside. JDG 7:17 "Watch me," he told them. "Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. 18 When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all around the camp blow yours and shout, 'For the LORD and for **Gideon**.' "

JDG 7:19 **Gideon** and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. 20 The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for **Gideon**!" 21 While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

JDG 7:22 When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords