

Edward Christian Church

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# "FAINT, YET PURSUING"

*"Where Did Everybody Go?"* –pt2

**JUDGES 8:4C KJV**

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**VICTORY**

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1 Corinthians 15:57

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# God's Victory

A soldier in camouflage gear is shown from the back, looking towards the left. He is wearing a helmet and has a rifle slung over his shoulder. The background is a blurred green field.

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DEUTERONOMY 20:4 NIV



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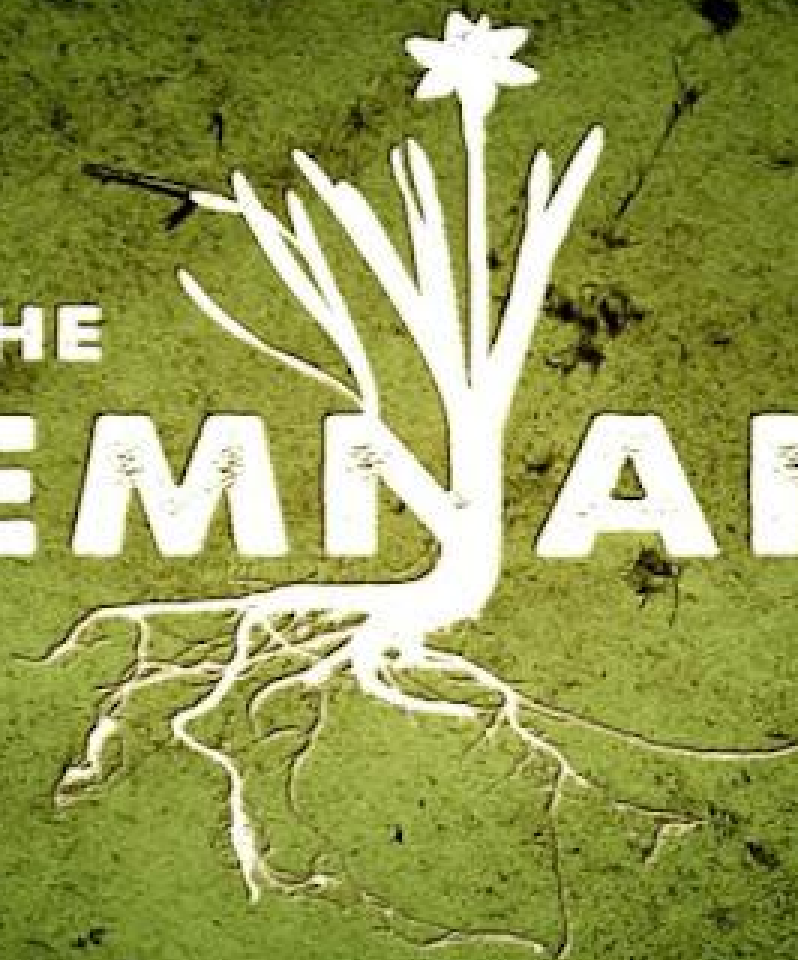


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  - ❑ **It is a Gift**
  - ❑ **It is An Attitude**
  - ❑ **It is Unstoppable**

**God's Victory is Not Based on Circumstance**

**THE  
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Those Who...

- Got Back Up***
- Stuck It Out***
- Would Not Give In***
- Still Believe in God's Cause***

In This God Can Show His Power...

...And Receive His Full Honor/ Glory

I'M WITH YOU  
EVERY STEP  
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*Zech 4:6, "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*2 Cor 10:4, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds"*



**G300**  
GIDEON'S 300



# A Terrible Thing Was Happening

God has a purpose For your pain,  
a Reason for your Struggles, and  
a Reward for your Faithfulness.

**Don't give up!**

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Gideon and Army Where...  
in the Middle of...

- “Will of God”***
- “Plan of God”***
- “Power of God”***
- “Victory of God”***

**Yet Still...**  
**...They Grew Faint**



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TIREDNESS  
CAN KILL  
TAKE A  
BREAK





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**Gen 25:30-31**, “*And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.*”

**Your legs are not giving out.  
Your head is giving up.  
Keep Going.**

**- Unknown**





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**SOMETIMES IT  
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OVERWHELMING  
BREAKDOWN TO  
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**Galatians 6:9**, *“let us not be **weary** in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”*

Keep Your "Head"

Sometimes life  
hits you in the  
head with a brick.  
**DON'T** LOSE  
**FAITH.**

Steve Jobs



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**Isaiah 26:3 (AMP)** You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.



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*“Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me.*



*Don't Give Up*

**H.O.P.E.**

*Hold. On. Pain. Ends.*

Overcome Adversity | Study Motivation



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**Psa 146:5**, "*Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God*"

- **Happy**= *To Be Straight, Level, Go Forward*
- **Help**= *to Surround, to Aid*
- **Hope**= *watching, to expect (w- hope / patience)*



## Keep Your “Hope”

**Judges 8:28**, *“Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon”*

- Subdued** (*bring down*)
- Lifted head** (*begin war*)
- No More** (*submission to another power*)
- Quietness** (*rest in tranquility*)
- Finished Job** (*followed through*)

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Remember:

YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING

for victory,

BUT *from* VICTORY.

FOR JESUS CHRIST HAS ALREADY

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**TRUSTS**

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PSALM 28:7

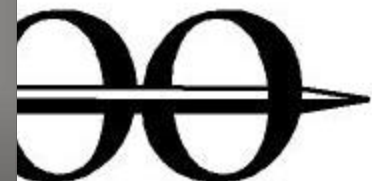
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