



Lessons from Gideon pt3

Judges 6

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Gideon is a Mighty Example of...

...How God Can Take a...


- Nobody (Inferiority Complex)
- Ran (Fear Led)
- Hid (Victim Mentality)

And Turn Him Around...

...and Use Him

...Turn the Situation Around



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- What Gideon Could See
 - Under Attack
 - Looked Like God was Silent
 - He Depended on Self
 - He was Hiding

Does This Sound Familiar?

Inferiority Complex?

Fear Can Be Passed Down

Inferiority Complex?

¹⁵ *“But Lord,” Gideon replied, “how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”*

- **When You Live by Fear ...**

 - ...You Will Be Led By Fear**

 - ...You Leave Others Your Fear**

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The First Thing God was Going to Do is...

...Help Gideon Move Beyond His Fear

Hard Times Are Like a Washing Machine

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*They Twist, Turn and
Knock Us Around,
But In The End We
Come Out Cleaner,
Brighter and Better
Than Before...*



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God Uses Tough Times to Get Our Attention Jud 6:1-6

Actually...

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...God Uses Tough Times to Bring Out the Tough in Us

- Direct Us ...Up
- Draw Us ...Out

Say This...

My Trouble Didn't Happen to me...

...It Happened For Me



God Sees More Than We Do (6:7-12)



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Gideon Did Not Act Like a Mighty Warrior...

- **All We See are the Present Conditions/ Circumstances...
And Ask How? Why?**
- **God Sees the Past, Present, Future...
...All at One Time**
- **God says ..I Know How ! And Asks, Why Not !**
- **He Looked at Simon (reed) ...
...and Called Him Peter (Rock)**

I'M WITH YOU
EVERY STEP
OF THE WAY



God Confirms His Priorities with His Presence (6:13-24)

(16) The LORD answered Gideon and said, *“I will be with you, so you can defeat the Midianites as easily as if they were only one man.”*

As Long as We are Sitting Still or Moving Backwards...

...Don't Expect to Experience His Powerful Presence

But When We Advance...Move Beyond Spectators....

We are Never Alone!



God is Patient with Our Faith Process (6:33-40)

Faith Doesn't Mature Overnight

He Meets You Right Where You Are...

...With What You Need.

God had Called Him to an Extraordinary Mission

Gideon Didn't Have A lot of Extraordinary Examples


oPersonal

oPublic

God was Patient ...He Knew

Gideon Needed Extraordinary Confirmation

Fleece x 2

A close-up photograph of a hand placing a white puzzle piece into a larger white puzzle. The puzzle piece being placed has a black silhouette of a person in the center. The text on the piece is in a serif font. The background is a grid of other puzzle pieces, some of which are also white with black silhouettes. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the puzzle pieces and the skin of the hand.

Sometimes when things
are falling apart they
may actually be falling
into place.

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Success is Determined by God's Power, Not Ours (7:1-8)

First Test - $32,000 - 22,000 = 10,000$

- **Dividing the Faithful from the Fearful**
- **Looking for a Warrior Spirit**
- **God said...Still Too Many**

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Second Test(4) $10,000 - 9,700 =$ leaving only 300 men

- **Dividing the Serious from the Not- So Serious**
- **Looking for a Warrior Mentality**

Let us fix
our *eyes* on
Jesus

the **author** and **perfecter** of our faith,
who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
SCORNING ITS SHAME

and sat down
at the *right*
hand of the
throne of
GOD

Hebrews 12:2

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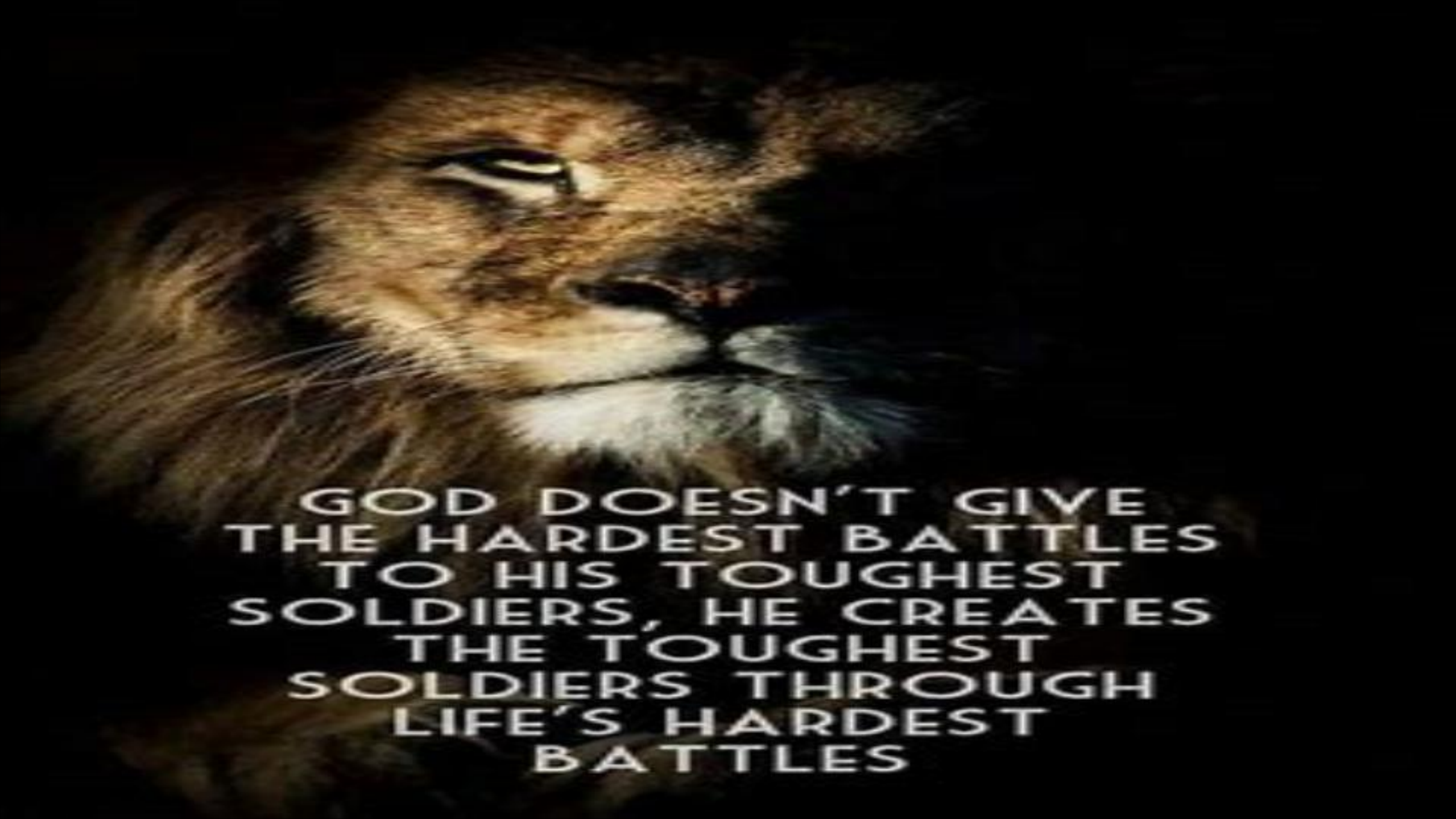
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God Created An Impossible Situation Of Human Weakness...

...to Exalt His Own Strength

- God Uses Difficulties to Build Our Faith.
- He Wants To Strip Us of Our Dependence On...
...Anything Other than Him
- He Always Leads Us to Do What Will Bring Him Glory.

Hebrews 12:2



GOD DOESN'T GIVE
THE HARDEST BATTLES
TO HIS TOUGHEST
SOLDIERS, HE CREATES
THE TOUGHEST
SOLDIERS THROUGH
LIFE'S HARDEST
BATTLES

A group of men in ancient attire stand on a rocky, hilly landscape under a blue sky. Several men hold lit torches aloft, and one man in the center holds a curved horn. The scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the torches.

God Took Gideon's 300 and Rocked His World

God Will Rock Yours If You Let Him!