

The Winepress and the Rock

THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Judges 6:36-40 *Then Gideon said to God, "If You are going to save Israel by my hand, as You have said, 37then behold, I will place a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that You are going to save Israel by my hand, as You have said." 38And that is what happened. When Gideon arose the next morning, he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water. 39Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me; let me speak one more time. Please allow me one more test with the fleece. This time let it be dry, and the ground covered with dew." 40And that night God did so. Only the fleece was dry, and dew covered the ground.*

Gideon knew the will of God. Gideon was _____ the nature and ability of God.

Judges 7:2 (NLT) *The LORD/Yahweh said to Gideon, "You have too many warriors with you. If I let all of you fight the Midianites, the Israelites will boast to me that they saved themselves by their own strength.*

God isn't just interested in helping them win the battle, He wants to teach them to _____ Him.

God reduces so we _____ on Him.

Judges 7:7 *The LORD/Yahweh told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."*

God is not looking for flawless faith, but a _____ faith.

When God gets the glory, we get the _____.

We have to first learn dependence so we can grow in _____.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 *But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. 10That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

It's when we realize we can do nothing _____ Him that we discover we can do all things _____ Him.

Judges 7:9-10 *That night the LORD/Yahweh said to Gideon, "Get up and go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. 10But if you are afraid to do so, then go down to the camp with your servant Purah 11and listen to what they are saying. Then your hands will be strengthened to attack the camp."*

Judges 7:12 *Now the Midianites, Amalekites, and all the other people of the east had settled in the valley like a swarm of locusts, and their camels were as countless as the sand on the seashore.*

Judges 7:13-14 *And as Gideon arrived, a man was telling his friend about a dream. "Behold, I had a dream," he said, "and I saw a loaf of barley bread come tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent so hard that the tent overturned and collapsed. 14His friend replied: "This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has delivered Midian and the whole camp into his hand."*

Yahweh is the great _____.

Yahweh may ask us to take _____ on the way to assurance.

Judges 7:15 When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship.

Don't get so focused on the plan or the promise that you forget the _____.

Judges 7:15-16 He returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Get up, for the LORD/Yahweh has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand." 16And he divided the three hundred men into three companies and gave each man a ram's horn in one hand and a large (clay) jar in the other, containing a torch.

_____ doesn't mean you have all the answers, it means your trust is in the One who does.

God gives us _____ to use and gives us circumstances which allows us to use them.

Judges 7:25 They also captured Oreb (Raven) and Zeeb (Wolf), the two princes of Midian; and they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb and Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb.

Yahweh _____ you, He is with you, He knows you.